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Magnificence

You start on the back garden grass
hands to ground hop
bum in the air
hop
arms aching, stronger, hour after hour.
Only the garden watches, waits.

Hops grow into jumps, legs straighten
collapse
shorts top flop, grass under fingers
pulse in forehead
up more up
launch from standing
it's coming
it's here
and
O
that X
when everything stops
and you hold up the earth
with your hands
stand on the sky!

World watching now
fizzing air
god claps in heaven
and when mum doesn't look
because you're showing off
she can't take away
the magnificence
of you and the world
turning.

Maxine Linnell

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