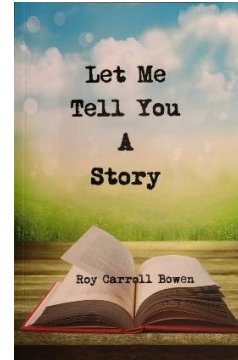


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Hello to you and thank you for subscribing to my weekly Sunday Letter. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I do writing them.

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—Roy Carroll Bowen



THE CORNFIELD OCEAN

Following the death of the father, two brothers attempt to find the right words about the Kansas farm, fields of corn, and Samuel, wounded in George W.'s war in Iraq. One brother buys his corn at Whole Foods. The other, born to the land on which he will die.

STORE BOUGHT BUTTER COMES TO THE FARM

For all of her married life, my dry land farming grandmother had churned butter. Returning from shopping in town, we grandkids saw the yellow purchase she had placed on the kitchen counter. Store bought butter had come to the farm. My grandfather would soon leave his tractor for 5:00 dinner. With the smile of a yogi master, my grandmother placed the all too yellow reshaped and chilled store butter on the table. And, we grandkids were there to see it all.

THREE MARRIAGES EACH

Enos at eighty-two, Diane the younger at seventy-nine, will be married today. Each has buried spouses, and also the pain of a son and a daughter. Being alone, even with friends at Westside Assisted Living, brings too much of what they don't know, don't like. So today, among the giggles of a new queen mattress, friends, and grandchildren, the newly weds find chairs on a shady back porch and the small talk enjoyed by couples of any age.

JAMES ALLEN

After two years staying away, busy with newborn William Carl, work, and marriage, Jesse made the too-long delayed drive to Baby Land and James Allen, her son who had died from SIDS. Brushing aside graveside leaves, Jesse talked with James, showed pictures of his too short life, of a then happy family. Jesse said she would soon return, with William Carl, "but first James Allen, I have something to tell you."