

# “Crumble!”

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Sandstone,  
you have one response to life.  
You crumble!  
A foot falls on you.  
You crumble!  
The wind says hello.  
You crumble!  
Remember your noble past.  
Your grandpa was a lagoon.  
Your grandma, a dune.  
You come from a long line  
of deltas and sandbars.  
They've passed on to you  
their memories of sudden squalls  
and sea monsters.  
Toughen up, sandstone.  
But you don't.  
You crumble!

# "Toby Twits Tina"

Jeanne Steig

Toby's teasing can be tasteless  
Taunting, tweaking tiny Tina.  
Tadpoles in her tapioca!  
Thumbtacks in her semolina!

Toby ought to be more tactful.  
If he's tempted to torment her,  
Let him tickle, never throttle,  
Never thump her, lest he dent her.