



Lancaster County

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Sowing wild oats,
beardless young men
and bonnet-wearing young women
raise hell.

Retying the laces
to modern society,
rebels with a plan
to use electricity and running water
trade in their horse and buggy
for a laminated driver's license.

The alluring voices
of sweet funnel cakes,
sultry candied apples
lure juveniles to visit
the Chocolate Park.

Many cycles later,
after the season of forbidden pleasures,
the bridge to modern society burned,
kerosene lanterns and candles
light the way to adulthood.

Beardless young men
and bonnet-wearing young women
gratefully grasp
suspenders and straight pins.