

Without You

The campus visits started two years ago.
Like a bluebird checking out nesting sites,
she narrows it down to four.
Finally, "We are pleased to inform you."
The packing starts in July. August comes
too quickly. She gives a goodbye hug
to Sadie our dog and we are off.

A "Welcome Home" banner greets us at the campus gate.
Where is Dayton Hall, where to park?
We carry boxes and backpacks
to her third floor nest, again and again.

Parent Tour: Library, Fine Arts Center, Stadium, Old Main.
Parent Orientation: Let them adjust--without you.
Parent Lunch: Not hungry, not thirsty.

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