

# We Can Be

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If every man is an island

A singular author

May be his constellation

You

Katie Maurice

Lucy Gray and

I with my power to fly

Know

Every restorative for sadness

Is transitory

And there I have you

Right to the last letter

Under our common sky

Beyond the deepest turning of stars

We can be

Imaginary friends

Storms pass and gather

And are gathering again

Children

How would it be to  
Fly with your imaginary friend



Image of the poet with his granddaughter.

**Bio:** Steven Valliere was born in 1955 in Rhode Island but has spent most of his adult life in Exeter, New Hampshire, part of it working at Lindt Chocolate. He has been writing stories and poetry since he was ten years old, when he would seal his work in bottles and drop them off the bridge into the Pawtuxet River. His poetry has appeared in various New England publications and periodicals. He has a wife and five grown children.

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