

From *The Upside Down House* by Paul David Adkins

**THE UPSIDE-DOWN HOUSE
OF SUNRISE GOLF VILLAGE, FLA., 1969**

To draw tourists to the course,
developers built a model house
upside down, complete
with a tan, '65 AMC Rambler
bolted to the carport floor.

The structure balanced
on the apex of its roof.

My father paid two dollars,
filed us one by one
onto the ceiling inside

where we craned
at the living room chairs
screwed above us to the hardwood.

A bowl of plastic fruit was glued
to the kitchenette table.
A tall man could touch the apples.

The bed sheets were pulled
tight as my grandmother's bun.

Ushered out, I blinked.
Sunlight shot from golf course lakes.

I sat, laid on the grass.
How blue the earth.
How huge my father's hand

extended like a falconer's
coaxing his bird
with clicking tongue
and a stick of Fruit Stripe gum.