

# Family From Away

Fortunately everything  
Remarkably worked out as planned  
When Sue's devoted family  
Arrived from remote Newfoundland

Newfoundland is the Easternmost  
Point of North Americas terrain  
A rock based extension of the  
Great Appalachian mountain chain

With rugged and spectacular  
Vast Boreal Forest landscapes  
It presents a plethora of  
Amazing dramatic seascapes

This island of the fabulous  
Delectable partridgeberry  
Departing from Nova Scotia  
Can also be reached by ferry

With a troubled legacy of  
Cod fishing and harp seal killing  
Newfoundland now is noted for  
The arts and off-shore oil drilling

We gathered for several meals  
Which is problematic on Zoom  
Including a dinner in the  
Oak Hammock private dining room

It had been so many years since  
All of us had been together  
That the two strapping grandsons had  
Grown much taller than their mother

We immersed ourselves in nature  
At the Sweetwater Wetlands Park  
Suwannee Wildlife Refuge, Paynes Prairie  
And Cedar Key from dawn to dark

Now I miss them every day  
Departing was such sweet sorrow  
I thought of them last evening  
And I will again tomorrow

Gene Ziegler. Jan 2023