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A dotwork mass of garden  
Enclosed by an iron gate,  
Sunburst and leaf  
Brush strokes  
Appear uncalculated  
But the spectator steps away  
And the strokes unfold  
Strategically,  
Two gowned children wearing bonnets  
Pose on brick steps  
And smother three beagles  
In their laps,  
High button shoes  
Are planted in caked dirt,  
Laced to stop the blood flow  
And polished like fine silver.

*Jennifer Miller*