

Adult Winner

The Fathers of Cool

Thank You Carrier, Crosthwait and Jones
 And all of the feet in your footsteps
Thank you for hospitable hospitals and habitable homes
 during record breaking heat waves
for chocolate bars that melt in your mouth
 and not in their wrappers
Thank you for making Sunday Sermons far less itchy
 and Sunday suppers no longer sticky
for quietly cool nurseries
 Saving the sanity of a thousand southern mothers
Thank you for the frosty Princess
 comfortable Saturdays at the cinema
for cold tile floors on summer mornings,
 and classrooms in early June
Thank you for cars that don't mess up her hair
 and thighs that don't stick to his chair
For bearable, breathable Augusts
 And the birth of the cool

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