Rusty

newly hatched from childhood into adolescence.
I felt scattered as a shipwreck.
Miraculous, it seemed to me then, and still does.
kid giving Rusty the finger
climb it
climate
Everyone who has ever been a child tends to magnify the experience. knows...

adds a dash of schmaltz... Here's mine:

unlimited Orange Crush.
suppers at the Lunchery.
I represented an uncharacteristic mistake by my father (the proprietor of the Medicine L).

—a senora

—well into middle age; married to the place.
Rusty to Zoe

"You're making that up."

"Cross my heart and hope to die."
feeb

from "feeble"; Rusty and Zoe use it, as in "Don't be a feeb."
a kid asks what "pimp" means:

"It means, it means he, uh, steers women to other men. For money."
Jack Duff, Francine's cousin, went thru Cuban missile crisis.
We were both in the intoxication business. (saloon and theater)
actor:

"What's my motivation here?"

"Your next paycheck, moron."
Faster time awaited beyond the school year. (FIN D)
My folks could face a lot. But I think they just could not stand to...
(He knew) his true quarrel was with himself.
Susan to Monty?

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Or was I imagining.

If sweet scents & water can start, imagination going.
"Curiosity is an awful thing
a hard habit to break."

habit I can't seem to break." Susan says with a smile.
It wouldn't have come easy for him.
I turned my brain inside-out with thinking, and still none of it would come right.
What is, a lot of things.
"Not necessarily."
With Phoenix always at the back of my mind,...
Our lusts were not the physical sort quite yet.
Tom's (Rusty's) hair as black as patent leather
Rusty & Zoe

use Shakespeare Simplified from town library?
Russell's name: where did it come from with its load of double letters?
Rusty

a pocket of my mind still held...

fixed in my mind
I wanted, what? I wanted...
What I loved best...
I marveled at...
down some pocket of my mind
Rusty

a memory like flypaper
I silently quarreled with that.
Rusty & Zoe

"Plunk your magic twanger, Froggy."
Rusty

Let me be plain. (This stunk. or: I hated... )
fishface
hippo butt
fathead loudmouth nosepicker