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The heart-shaped paper airplane
Took a nose-dive from the bed

And the empty purple hair-band
Wrapped itself in its own knots

The cracked and tangled laces
Waited patiently to be found

And the inside out piano
Searched the pages for an answer

The fragile fake poinsettia
Denied a caring hand

And the worthless costume earrings
Wanted solely to be worn

The ripped and well-used album
Hoped to remain a source of joy

And the sad and lonely people
Need nothing more than love