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He lost his job. I was eighteen. College-bound, guilt and burdens unseen. Illness, Grandpa's death soon followed. Plans for the future seemingly hollowed.

College one thousand miles away—A refuge from darker days.
In a city 5,280 feet high
My escape revealed itself a lie.

Grandma's diagnosis: one to two years. Over the phone, I did hear. She filled the room I left behind Home had never felt so unkind.

The suitcase, my closet, the couch, my bed. Things have changed—no more to be said.