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## Nana's Birdnest

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'Cuz I'm the mom now.

The pain where happiness was  
is part of me.

Defines me.

I wasn't ready to watch her die.

'still unwilling to say goodbye.

But I'll try.

Because that's what she would've expected

And that's what my family deserves

It's my turn to take the wheel

God intends the circle of life to go on...

Because the greatest reality is

I'm Mom now and always.

Which is the most important part of me.

*Gina Farella Howley*



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