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I make stories in my head
of what I will do
(not today but)
someday—

I see them in my mind,
dancing, flickering through
like the home movies grandpa made
(not a sound but)
bright and full enough to speak.

I see the smiling faces and
hiding faces, retreating behind lively humble hands
that flutter over eyes and wave the cameraman away
(not sure he's gone but)
then peeking and laughing.

I watch them unfold behind my eyes
like enchanted paper butterflies casting story-shadows
on the wall, so colorful and lively that
(not always but)
sometimes I start to believe.

I have scoured the lowest valleys and
highest peaks of my own imagination
and so nearly lived these many stories that I half believe
(not today but)
someday

I will.