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Flowers for Truman. Kimberly Smuksta

The Power of the "Deceased"

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The dead

Are not really gone

This is but an illusion

Many cannot see through

What is more real than us

Are the lively strong spirits

That all too often

Surround and guide us

Us, spirits encased in flesh

So unable to know their blessings $\,$

Yet sometimes we can feel



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Their omniscient presence and love It manifests in a warm, peaceful feeling Sometimes it materializes In joy, happiness, sadness or serenity All those who have passed on Desire a simple acknowledgment Of their surreal presence around us Perhaps cheers them in silence or aloud Before you take a sip of that drink Visualize them embracing you And subsequently feel your heart warming Their power, their strength, is greater Than you and I can never imagine Death is painful for its survivors Some know this more than others There is no doubt in that Yet we must, often begrudgingly, believe That their spirit, their true self Has risen, been set truly free Encased no longer, given the divine ability To aid, to guide, to heal Requiring us to simply be open To the blessings They wish to bestow upon us all