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## *Dementia*

Bittersweet memories.

A fire in my soul, yearning for who I once was.

Days, months, years have gone by.

All now I can see is a blurred image of what used to be.

What used to be a free mind is now trapped.

Memories are supposed to last a lifetime.

This is not true.

Words fade, and photos burn.

What was and what is will never cross paths again.

I can't remember my first love's name.

My mother's face is not clear.

My father made me an angry person but now my silence controls me instead.

They are all gone from this life and from my mind.

I sit here alone.

Strangers give me pills.

I don't know what they're for.

They call my name, but I don't respond.

*- Kaitlyn Riley*



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