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*Build a castle for my mother  
for she has suffered more than  
I imagined anyone could.  
Her silent pain, her private fears  
were invisible to those who loved her.*

*Build another for my father  
for he has carried the suffering  
long after my mother's had ended.  
His personal grief for losing  
a part of his life burdens him still.*

*Carve the castle out of gold,  
and make it strong and tall,  
It will be a symbol of the  
everlasting love they shared together.*

*Place the castle on a cliff  
overlooking sandy shores.  
Let it guard the flowing tides  
that swallow seashells  
like dreams that will never surface.*

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