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### Cover Page Footnote

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*1st Prize Winner*

**Dear Namesake**

I'm told they named me after you;  
I tell myself it can't be true;  
See, I'm alive and you are dead;  
(you put a bullet in your head)  
Now what I want to realize  
Is if they saw you in my eyes,  
Or did my father miss his brother  
and hope that he would gain another.

I wish that you were here today  
So that I wouldn't have to say  
That it was selfish how you died;  
I'm John because of suicide.

--John Edwards