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There was a place,
a secret place,
a corner where the house and porch met.
Lilac bushes
rose from the sandy dirt beneath
where nothing else would grow.
I sit there,
all alone
playing in that dirt,
singing my own songs,
reciting my own poems,
gazing up between the purple blooms
to the sky
and dream of things to come.
Of my first bike,
of going to school,
of growing up,
having kids,
getting a house.

Today,
there is a place,
a special place,
the corner where the house meets the porch
and over-grown English Yews
create solitude and secrecy.
My son sits there,
all alone,
playing in the dirt
where nothing else will grow,
singing his own songs,
reciting his own poems
and imagining
all the things there are to come.

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