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## EULOGY OF A GIRL

We gather here today  
To mourn the death of a girl;  
One who we will miss fervently  
For eternity  
Her purity will be remembered.  
Her small, delicate hand  
Remembered being grasped so tightly into yours

We remember scraped knees  
Lemonade stands  
Mischevious grins.  
Suddenly and unexpectedly  
Summers turn to autumn  
Autumns turn to winter  
Winters to spring  
So on and so forth  
And slowly...

Chocolate covered mouths alter  
To lipstick, and Lash-by-Lash mascaraed eyes.  
Constantly searching reflections  
Complexions  
Obsessions with one's self  
Confusion about destiny  
As memory soars past with its  
Silver, transcendent wings  
And the paper-thin skin of youth  
Sheds its original radiance to reveal  
Not the empty shell of a child  
But a confident, finished  
Beautiful  
Female.

So, although we mourn the death  
Of a girl  
Tomorrow let us celebrate  
The birth of a woman.