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The heart-shaped paper airplane Took a nose-dive from the bed

And the empty purple hair-band Wrapped itself in its own knots

The cracked and tangled laces Waited patiently to be found

And the inside out piano Searched the pages for an answer

The fragile fake poinsettia Denied a caring hand

And the worthless costume earrings Wanted solely to be worn

The ripped and well-used album Hoped to remain a source of joy

And the sad and lonely people Need nothing more than love