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Brotherly Love For P.S

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Basketball games, weekend sleepovers,
dividing the cost of two liters one after another,
are but a few landmarks that helped establish our
history.

Many more adventures fine lined borders that ought
not be crossed.

As I reminisce, I'm called home by streetlights, petty
fights and compromise,

long nights building on idle conversation that would
alter our lives.

When I lost my virginity you were the second to hear
the confession.

Lending an ear and a shoulder— to a broken heart
soon after— helped mend.

We have two mothers, one reflection, and no dads.
As I think back I recall the hard times we had coming
up.

Times hard as stone that cracked the glass
but couldn't shatter the mirror;

The many houses with no heat, tables with no meat.

You never failed to bring food to eat,

I never failed to be a comforter; my faithful words
covered our shoulders,

kept us warm and hopeful through evictions.

Extended family members have become you and I.

Over coming odds with well spent evens entertaining
each other.

Toasting endurance with our sight set on the pot of
treasure

that lies beneath the rainbow of a withered storm.