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A smiling toddler takes his first shaky steps into the welcoming arms of his parents
An eleven-year-old shoots a deer then cries soundlessly over its strong body
A storm rages over a town leaving nothing but shreds
A group of singers lift their voices and the spirits of all who hear them
A prisoner stares out from the bars of his cell and wishes that he'd only thought first
A tourist stands on the Eiffel Tower and shouts into the heavens
Two old spinsters sit on a porch, too tired to talk but grateful for the other's quiet presence
A misguided youth gets caught with marijuana for the third time even though he's only thirteen
An American family travels all the way to China to adopt an infant who they've only seen in pictures
Someone feels so alone that they jump and end it all
A teenager looks at her reflection, and realizes that she is okay with herself, even if a boy is not
An Indian girl is forced into a life of prostitution for the amount of money that some spend on a pair shoes
A patient grandmother teaches her loved one how to sew a doll dress
An old veteran gives away candy to children in an attempt to make up for the young lives he took for his country
A smile from a stranger melts a barrier of pride
A cancer patient loses her hair but is determine to never let go of her courage
An ambulance pulls up at a nursing home and leaves with a sheet-covered gurney
A doctor places a new heart into an open chest and holds his breath until it beats
A teen sobs into a pillow and realizes that life is not fair
A friend tries to send a hug in an email from half a continent away
A mother bathes a twelve-year-old son who still can't feed himself
A teacher watches a student read her first book by sounding out each letter, one at a time
A social outcast eats lunch in a bathroom stall, because every seat was "taken"
An athlete's soul soars as he crosses the finish line
A boy is beaten for wishing he was a girl
A rainbow fills the sky with brilliance, inviting everyone to come outside and see
A father buries his child and feels his universe crashing down around him
A long forsaken love letter finally arrives
A rebel sneaks out to have fun, but ends up drunk and alone
Two brothers catch frogs after the hot summer rain
A wife prays for her husband who fights in a war that she doesn't believe in
Three friends laugh so hard that tears roll down their red cheeks
An old man dies alone on the streets and nobody misses him
A butterfly lands on a baby's hand
A bouquet of roses mysteriously appear on a lonely widow's doorstep
Someone gets shot for what they believe in
A couple sets aside an argument
A woman throws a flower into the ocean with a wish for something she can't put into words
I watch the sun set, savoring the glorious feeling of being alive
The world rotates once more
With all of us on it
Together