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He lost his job. I was eighteen.
College-bound, guilt and burdens unseen.
Illness, Grandpa's death soon followed.
Plans for the future seemingly hollowed.

College one thousand miles away—
A refuge from darker days.
In a city 5,280 feet high
My escape revealed itself a lie.

Grandma's diagnosis: one to two years.
Over the phone, I did hear.
She filled the room I left behind
Home had never felt so unkind.

The suitcase, my closet, the couch, my bed.
Things have changed—no more to be said.

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