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GENTLE FLUTTERED PARTINGS

Dandelion bouquets cover the tombstone of my friend, spreading still.

Blown too soon, we all are white-petal-stripped, green stems standing

bold upright & alone. Tender seed carried and yet carries joy abroad

landing soft, returning home, wrapped in gossamer white, sprouting still.

Pain flutters, scattering the wind—hushed by butterfly wings.

Wishes reach out, waiting space to word, for his wisdom yet walks with silence, with calm.

Snow fluttering gentle o'er my empty heart—memory visits—love outlasting life.

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