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**PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE WRITTEN SOONER**

Kyle Mercantile

Probably should have written sooner  
Even though the truth squeezes my throat  
And suffocates my heart at the slight remembrance.

Because your passing was like the end of an era.  
My roots are scarred and leaves withered  
In the absence of your light.

The flow of time slowly erodes our life together  
As sand slipping to the ocean floor  
Hidden and heavy.

Like the sun you laid down  
Yet the moon endured  
Waiting for its turn.



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