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## The Love Tree

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Now

Almost eleven years  
have passed.

Maddelyn  
will be sixteen in March.  
Cora  
turns twelve this year.

Momma and Momaw's birthdays  
are coming again...

It's softer now  
That time has passed,  
but somewhere  
within her list

my sister is still twenty-six.

The oldest of four girls and one boy,  
James' wife  
Mommy of two.

Maddelyn is still five.  
Cora is still nine-months-old.

And her list  
isn't so important  
after all.  
Just another piece  
of scrap paper.



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