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Ash the Dog

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A shadowy cove on the lake
In an old flat-bottom boat
Throwing out our bait and waiting patiently
No need to talk, we sit and listen
The sound of the water slapping against the boat
The distant buzz of the bass boats across the water
Ice-cold drinks and MoonPies
We sit and fish – the joy and peace of friendship

Blasting through the Piney Woods on my bike
The pure midnight air fills my lungs
Laughing and joking all night with friends
Finishing with coffee and a stack of pancakes
Going to bed at sunup
Looking forward to tomorrow

Bouncing up and down a runway
At an old, country airport
Learning to fly my dad's old Cessna
Soaring above the lakes and pines
Wiggling our wings at fisherman below
Nothing beats the view

Church with Mom on Sunday
Road trips with Grandma
Domino games with Pe Paw
Camping and hiking with friends

I wouldn't trade a moment of it.

When I die, scatter my ashes in the Piney Woods of East Texas.
My soul never left



The End of the Road

Michele Cruz



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