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My Sister

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She came bringing her presence light when I no longer could open my eyes she knew not to bring flowers for they all die leaving a stench filling the room with the unwanted smell of death

she came in the winter when it was cold she brought a bulb taking her time she gently planted the bulb deep within the soil of my heart leaving with it the hope of spring when it would bloom bringing a scent reminding me of her presence

she sat next to me quietly spoke when I no longer could speak said thank you when I uttered a few grunts for she knew me well understanding what I said took my hand gently squeezed it though I could not squeeze hers bringing me comfort when I no longer could find it on my own

> she had to leave of course, they all have to leave but when she left she left something behind the lingering gift of presence

> > who but her could do such a thing only one my sister

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