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Walking in the dark searching for the house the house of memories

upon finding it she looks through the window the room dimly lit by the flame in the fireplace

the family is gathered she stands and watches must be someone's birthday slowly the flame is out a lonely walk home

for days she sleeps no memories to find when stronger she will go out again

dress warmly it will be a cold night the faces are smiling, laughing she sees but cannot hear their voices

voice gives meaning to what she sees the sights are only half told parts missing some make no sense

it is bitter cold standing there she should have taken a scarf walking home is not easy

she stumbles a few times returning home she tries to recall what she saw without recall

> the memory is faded it is gone the flame went out

> > she sleeps

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