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THE HOUSE of MEMORIES

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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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