

A Walk In The Park



I opened my eyes. Once more could I see a thousand lights beaming down at me from the sky. I saw the oak trees dancing in the wind beside me. A light breeze blew over me. I rolled onto my side. Nalla was asleep, so was Lia. I got up and started walking to the park. The grass was glistening from the early morning dew. The sun had just come up. I walked along the riverbank my feet wet from the grass. I saw the ducks swimming around. I remember how mama used to take us down to the park to let us feed the ducks. What happened to us. Me and mama used to be so close we used to be best friends. Well that was until mama passed away years back. I walked up to the field where mama said I had my first steps. I remember every day on my birthday coming up here, sitting by the tree and watching the sunset. The fireflies would come out and fly all around us. On my sixth birthday we caught one, but mama said to let it go, that we couldn't bring it home. I don't know how but I understood right away and let it go. We watched it fly away.

Now I sat by the tree, only this time I watched the sunrise. It was pretty the mountains far off in the distance had a fresh blanket of snow. It was my birthday again and I would do anything to see mama again. I was 94 today I still love doing things like walking around barefoot, sleeping under the stars outside on my garden. But I'm too old for most things like blowing out candles on birthday cakes, running around the field, playing all day, going to bed late. I wasn't young anymore I couldn't do a cartwheel or the splits or touch my feet like I used to.

It was starting to get dark, I spent most of my day at the park. I went home and saw Nalla and Lia in the kitchen cooking. I walked in and they put my favourite dinner in front of me on the table. My little sisters took care of me so well. We ate and watched a movie. I had fun that day but something wasn't quite right.

The night sky, was again full of stars. Before mama passed, she used to say watch the stars and they will watch and take care of you, so that's what I did I looked at the sky for a long time, hoping that I will get watched over. I closed my eyes and I saw mama, she was waiting for me, and I walked into the light.