

Silence Where You Were Here

In the wee hours of the morning, you come

In my thoughts like a breeze at dawn

With memories in secret to tell

Sleep makes way for chicken curry

Rice and potatoes and laughter

Your reaction to wrestling matches

Your heart generously giving me

Your debit card to buy you things

And extra for me to spend

Where did the time go, mom?

You left me under my struggling hands

Trying to follow directions by 911

And failing chest compressions to save

Your chicken curry potatoes and rice

Disappearing from my plate

You nursed my broken life

Back to health from divorce and failure

The breeze reminds me of your absence

The silence where you were here.

I wear my soul when I speak and write

Verses remembering your love

You taught me to help you

Give generously like you

Make people mean something

When the world makes them feel as nothing

When others tell me not to talk

I weep at night thinking

You are gone but whisper

Listen to them just like you and smile.

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