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## Forget Me Not

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## POETRY

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i remember the way the light  
reflected off  
the water that day  
the last drags of sunlight breaking  
away from the horizon  
and the air-  
sweet and sticky like  
honey

i remember salt water in my hair  
when we buried  
you  
in ocean currents  
and ambiguity

i remember you  
sifting through my palms  
how i could be in ocean  
and desert  
all at once and  
how archaic it was-  
fire to soften your bones  
and water to carry  
you away from  
me

i remember praying in mass  
*remember you are dust*  
*and to dust you will*  
*return*  
i remember the holy water  
that dripped  
from my forehead  
on the days that i am Catholic  
i remember you, too

the tide went out into the sound  
rain fell for three days  
the forget-me-nots bloomed in your garden  
and time forged on as  
it always does  
and i,  
i stood completely still