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## Imaginary Grave

*Bailey M. Tennery*

A grave site is the place I'll go when I miss you. I'll talk to the memory of you; no better place to mourn than a field where hundreds of dead are buried, side by side, systematically.

I'll go to a graveside, but won't sit in front of a specific slab of stone because your name is not on one. You're alive, but it's easier to pretend you're dead when I want to remember the good person you once were.

I'll place purple tulips on the maintained grass and sit for hours telling you my troubles, joys, and humorous tales. When I'm done spilling my heart to an imaginary grave, I'll walk away, leaving the flowers to wither.

When I want to feel close to you, I'll return again to dead tulips and pretend you were never a stranger, pretend you are dead, and pretend I still love you.