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Everyone knows that cancer
Takes bites of every family
And it eats up families whole
Dance around the issue
Take issue with the answers provided
The past few years radiate with treatment
But to every day she'll put her cap on and greet them
She's got demons but you'll never meet them
Yeah, we hope one day
That she can finally beat them all
She laughs for us
She laughs so we don't worry
She smiles through the pain
And keeps the details blurry
My intentions are not to expose
The depths of her trouble aren't mine to disclose
But like evening rain on the petal of a rose
It drips down to the earth and it begins to compose
And if there's one thing that remains
So crystal clear to us
It's that the wandering hands of the gods
Are so goddamn mysterious
Like there could be a justification
For the lives it takes
And the lives that it's taken
This isn't a eulogy or a requiem
Just some words I've sketched out
'Cause I haven't said them
This isn't about her father or brother

Just a few simple words so she knows that I love her
And tragedy will never disaffect her
I hope she knows how much I respect her
My intentions are not to expose, inverse or repose
The depths of her troubles aren't mine to disclose
But like evening rain on the petal of a rose
It drips down to the earth and begins to compose
A song worth singing
A world that keeps on stinging

And one sinking feeling
It's always worth clinging onto
And a stone at a glass house
That's always worth slinging
She laughs for us
She laughs so we don't worry
She smiles through the pain
And keeps the details blurry
My intentions are not to expose
The depths of her trouble aren't mine to disclose
But like evening rain on the petal of a rose
It drips down to the earth and it begins to compose
Saints walk the earth
They all patrol the skies
They're the people right behind you
Riding tandem through the night
It's the comfort that's discovered
Between two sets of eyes
It's the hand that stills the other
That shakes like candlelight
Like candlelight

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