## I Dreamt You Were Here (Villanelle)

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I dreamt you were here, stood by my side,
The dream faded away at the first sign of day,
I take a quiet moment, until my tears subside.

I imagined I saw you, my deceiving mind lied, My faculties, I'm afraid, at times go astray, I dreamt you were here, stood by my side.

I thought I heard your voice, like a fool, I replied, I've much to tell you, so much to say,
I take a quiet moment, until my tears subside.

I felt you nearby, frowning at me as I cried, You'd want me to be more than just okay, I dreamt you were here, stood by my side.

I watched you blossom, a mother's joy and pride, My hollowed heart aches for you, today, every day, I take a quiet moment, until my tears subside.

Nothing's been the same, since that morning you died,
But time marches on, and the years slip away.

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I take a quiet moment, until my tears subside.