**Why Do I Stay?**

The demons rise within my mind,

Rage escapes, mu heart to bind.

My fears engulf, the visions play,

So why, you ask me, do I stay?

The sun will set across the beach,

A bird will sing within my reach.

The crispness of a cool fall day

These give me peace, and so I stay.

To see my students have a perfect set,

Or write the deepest poem, yet.

To help a friend, maybe fly a kite,

To stay for that, it just seems right.

To walk my daughter down the aisle,

Or, maybe, see my grandson’s smile.

To watch as my son achieves his dreams,

These are reasons, too, it seems.

Then I look at you and smile,

My journey to you, the roughest mile.

Our future stretches far and wide,

I Stay because you’re by my side