

Petals

Dedicated to Catherine

Dedicated to Ann

Rose petals sheared from long ago
Remembrance of time swept away
Shadow of the face
That sent them barely visible
Kept them for all these years
I remember the first time you glanced my way
With your mischievous smile
And thick black hair tousled
You melted the stone in my heart
When I realized the kindness
Enveloped in your packaging
Yes those rose petals
Scattering remains that you existed
Today I am ninety years old
It is my birthday
Thank you honey for the roses

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