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# EMILY ROSE

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bright kindred spirit  
delicate body child  
child of mystery  
your presence touched us  
all  
for so short a time  
yet you redirected the lives  
of your parents  
for a larger purpose  
we now only begin  
to grasp

you came to the open hearts  
of a whole community  
and we all grieve  
beside your mother and father  
Terry and Ron who now bear  
such unexpected pain

perhaps your soul  
simply needed  
this time  
to experience being  
truly loved  
truly wanted  
truly welcome  
perhaps that was all you needed  
for your own completion  
of this journey

good bye  
gentle essence  
we will look for you  
in the stars  
and in the flowers

Cedar Barstow  
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