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An Entire Decade of Autumn

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I didn’t get that much of a chance to say farewell — back then, when I stepped into my combat boots, and sang the songs of an airman. So here’s my goodbye, and perhaps an apology hidden within.

My skin went numb from the cold — yet my heart was left reeling, remained beating, throbbing with feeling, pounding and sounding — I forgot the ring just as I was kneeling.

So I knelt and pulled out my camera, capturing our last moment together, On the back I wrote: “love you forever” — that wasn’t so clever, Today, that photograph is burnt to ember, however —

If I had a time machine, I would capture every single leaf, and chain that moon to a tree, because I actually believe our love flourished in that moment ever so brief.

What happened to the days that smelled like a burning leaf pile? Those ashes of memories still blister my smile. They ignite again, once a year, each long fall — stay awhile.