

## Infinitives from an Older Sister

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To wake your siblings up from sleep, dreams still dancing in their eyes

To drive them to school, flying to class before the final bell

To pat their shoulder while passing in the hallway, a smile on the corner of their lips

To sit with them during lunch, attempting to ignore their annoying friends

To check your brother's math homework at the end of the day, all the answers are correct

To have a tickle fight in the middle of the living room, abs sore from laughing

To have a sibling Minecraft party, eyes glued to the cubes on the screen

To run off the boy who broke your sister's heart a few days prior

To sleep on 1/4th of the bed because your brother doesn't realize how small he really is

To be teased when texting your boyfriend under the table at dinner

To be dragged to play 4-square on a cool summer's night, fireflies in the air

To be begged to play Barbie when the plastic dolls are looking lonely and untouched

To yell at your siblings when they're being stupid, an argument breaking out

To cry as they run away from you, hurt in their eyes

To feel your heart break and split in your chest, they no longer want to play

To watch them grow up and apart from you, they don't need your help

To feel pride as they leave their mark on the world, yet

To miss the days when they were all yours