

My Aunt Speaks to Me from the Dead

after Sharon Olds

- Lizzy

I am staring at the night sky,
looking at the stars thinking about what life could've been,
thinking about how you, your family, and my family will turn out to be.
Even beyond my grave,
I still admire the person you have become.
I love how you are caring and kind.
I love how you thought of the want to help me,
even when I could not have been helped.
I love how you keep moving forward,
even if it is hard to not move back.
I love how resilient you are.
I love how you do not let others bring you down.
I love that you keep going to school,
even when it gets hard for you.
I remember how sensitive you are,
How when sometimes you had a bad day,
You would come to me and tell me your worries.
I love how responsible you are
I love that you help your parents
and put your selfishness needs to a side.
I see that you have a boyfriend now,
I remember the talks we had about boys,
And you telling me that you do not think that
the right one will be out there waiting for you
I love that you love him just like you love your family

I love to see that you support each other and are there for one another

I remember when you would dance with me at a party

You would have such soft and shy steps

Not knowing how to dance or if to go right, left, or to turn around

I love how you dance in his arms

Still confused and off beat

But with the soft heart that you have

I love the ideas that you think of

I love how you still think of ways to help others

I love how you want to develop and make your dreams happen,
even if it is a slow moving process

I love how even if those ideas get stones thrown at,

You would still stick to it no matter what.

Do you still plan on finding the cure that would have saved me?

Or do you still plan to help those in desperate need?

I see your moves and motives,

I would tell you, I'm proud of you and the women you have become.

Keep your head up no matter what,

And shut those up who have talked behind your back.

And those who told you that you will not make it in life.

Be the type of woman you want to be.