

# The Yardsale is Over and the Rain is Falling and It Is Getting Dark

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*Now That You're Gone and  
We are Faced With the Closing (Inspired by true events)*

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It was a yard sale hosted by parents  
who weren't there-but we felt they were

Many came and commented

They said - you were so stylish  
They said - they sang with you  
They said - you were so active  
They said - they loved you

I touched your plates,  
I touched your books  
I touched your jewelry,  
I touched your coats,  
I stared deep into the sepias...  
And you touched my soul anew.

I priced the objects you loved  
I priced once and once again  
Your treasures with so much meaning to you,  
Became objects that baffled understanding

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Your Elvises,  
Your Sinatras,  
Laid out on altars labeled "Featured Items"

And sadly, often through the day,  
cars would pause in the street,  
on the outskirts of your property,  
peering through their windows  
and sneaking looks beyond the dresses  
waving from your tree limbs,

And from their opened truck windows,  
Yelling out-  
"Do you have any fishing poles or golf clubs?"

Dear Mom — I loved your yard sale.

