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The Things She Carries  
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The things she carries  
Are secrets and lies.  
Secrets to be taken to the grave  
Lies about her picture perfect life.

She carries stories  
Of experiences  
That should never be experienced  
By someone of her age.

She carries art  
To hide all the scars  
All meshed into a series of misconceptions  
To hide the chaotic masterpiece.

She carries life  
In the cracks in her personality  
To hide how she waits  
At death's front door.

She carries a heart  
To shower others with love,  
A sensation she only felt  
At the bottom of the bottle.

She carries a brain  
To see right from wrong  
To see light from dark  
To see reality from fiction.

She carries a song  
For others to sing when they are downtrodden  
But more for herself  
When she reaches the final stretch.

She carries a home  
So others feel wanted  
When all she ever felt  
Was neglect.

She carries,  
She carried.