

TELL ME A STORY

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(Junior Poetry)

“Tell me a story”

She whispered with lips cracking

“Tell me a story about outside”

“Well” I started, with a lump in my throat

“The trees touch the sky, green and lush”

“Tell me a story”

She murmured, whilst looking at her hair in the mirror

“Tell me a story about a princess”

“Umm...” It took me a moment but I continued

“She’s locked in a tower, unable to join her kingdom, but she’ll see her people soon”

“Tell me a story”

She tried, her voice barely audible

“Tell me a story about the ocean”

“It’s vast and blue, it seems to go on forever to reach the horizon”

“Tell me a story”

She choked, playing with the IV

“Tell me a story about clouds”

I sighed while tears welled in my eyes, I tried not to look her way

“Cotton candy laces the sky and...” I trail off unsure of where to go

She seems excited anyway

“Tell me a story”

She begs eyes closed

She doesn’t tell me what to say

“The princess broke out of her tower” I pleaded

“She’s flying past the trees and over the ocean, the cotton candy clouds absorb her and she’s finally happy”

And I cry as the monitor lets out a long buzz