

An Unwarranted Gift

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Giving oneself
For strangers to see
Wounds and scars no one else has
A body to us
But a loved one to others
Who carried
Joys and sorrows
Whose eyes witnessed
Decades unbeknownst to us
Whose palms
Created and caressed
Whose soles
Imprinted and trekked endless terrains
Whose brain, a vessel
Of memories from a lifetime
More than we harbor now
Whose arms and legs
Embraced and danced
And in the end gifted
A profound knowledge we did not merit
A celebrated generativity
A life's value carried to the future
Gratitude

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