Saying Goodbye

One clean, bright, clear-blue day,

Beside her bed,

Family gathers,

Saying goodbye.

Hushed voices share stories.

Love is remembered, solemn, frightened.

Tears and laughter bubble over soft music.

Once-tied knots checked, tightened.

Life-breath stops. Outside,

Storm-grey clouds burst for sorrow,

Grieved, contemplating

How we’ll go on tomorrow.

In the sunset sky—

Over her mountains,

A doubled rainbow,

Heaven-sent.

She also says goodbye.