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La Dispute "I See Everything"

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Like any morning of my junior year I stumble in the classroom late but this

Day I seeâ€Â¨Faces, I feel an air like a funeral, like a wake, as I sit

Down. â€Â "My teacher speaking, somewhat somberly, but still confident

And calm. â€Â Part eulogy, her speech, and part poem, part celebration

Song. â€Â"Her warmth and smile, she passes photocopies out to us of

Entries from a journalâ€Â¨Kept so long ago. She starts to read and

Suddenly it's 1980.

March 5—The cancer is furious but our son is resilient, we have all the

Faith we'll get through this no matter what the end.

Treatments are violent

But he keeps on smiling. It's amazing finding joy in the little things.

April 12—Andrew's appetites improved and we thank God everyday. But still

It's hard sometimes to see him in that scarecrow frame.

July 9—There's a suffering when I look in his eyes.

He's been through so

Much. We've all been through so much but what incredible resolve our little

Boy shows, only 7, standing face to face with death. He said it's easy to

Find people who have suffered worse than him. "Like Jesus, suffered worse

Than anyone," he told me last night, "when God abandoned him."

September 20—We've been playing in the yard lately and spirits are high

Although his blood counts aren't.

October 14—He feels tired all the time.

November 30—At the hospital again. It feels like home when we're here.

December 8—He's getting worse.

January 19—We buried our son today, our youngest

child, and while his death

Was ugly we must not let it scare us from God.

Abundant grace has restored

Him. A brand new body. And set him free from the torture, finally rid of

The cancer. Before the moment he left he briefly wrested from death,

Suddenly opened his eyes, said, â€Â¨"I SEE

EVERYTHING. I SEE

EVERYTHING."

And I will never forget it, the peace and the comfort you displayed through

A pain that I can only imagine. The loss of a child to the torture of

Cancer. Help me. Because I can only imagine how you recovered, kept your

Faith and held the brightness of life inside the smile of a child you had

To bury. And I will never forget him or your steadfast faith. No, I will

Never forget you. Now six or seven years later, I'm devoid of all faith. I am empty of comfort and I am weary of waiting. Though I've felt nowhere What you have, I see nothing at all. Though I've felt

nowhere what he did, My eyes are closed. â€Â¨Ã¢Â€Â¨

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