"I Wish You Were Here" by Viranda Kwok
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There was once a boy
whose most treasured memory

Was that of his mother's
smiling face

And the taste of sweet
refreshing watermelon

on a scorching summer day.
But next summer,
Mommy didn't smile.

She didn't come home.

Because Mommy was sick,
and couldn't walk anymore.

"Maybe Mommy
will get better
if she had some watermelon."

Thought the boy.
And so the sprout grew.

its roots spreading.

Just like the sickness
that spread throughout Mommy.
"Please don't go!"

I promise...
I'll help you get better.

"I'm sorry Mommy,
I'm SORRY!!"

But it was already too late.

Because now Mommy,

Was the one being planted in the ground.
The World went on.

Days, Weeks, Months, Seasons.

Time had kept passing, but the boy was stuck in the past.
Until one day,

the boy looked up,

and saw a green figure

peeking in

from outside his window

"A Watermelon."
"What is that doing here?"
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