

## Rengay Attempts 1

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### The Invitation

asleep on the bed  
the wife notices  
his shoes are still on

alone in the dark  
headlights shine through the bedroom window

soft whispers  
cut through the air  
a tree frog sings

morning fog--  
today's realization  
of last night's festivities

a quiet meal prepared  
with shaky hands and a hint of regret

lightning flashes  
nobody's home  
smell of blueberry muffins

by Adam Buxton & Aaron Weldy

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### The Week's End

annoying sounds on the television  
a daughters fury  
rings through the house

a Sunday afternoon draws to a close  
the leaves are still green

the pan sizzles as the hamburger fries  
ouch!  
damn that hurt

the cat stares silently  
into the empty porch  
locusts buzz

the six year old looks out the window  
the neighbors are out

plates rattle in the kitchen  
at last  
supper is served

Aaron Weldy

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### The Promotion

executive staff meeting  
thinking of all the things I have to do  
at home

endless piles of paperwork  
snowcapped mountains

whispers through the hallways  
I don't hear a word  
of English

he is hot  
she is cold  
I turn off the thermostat

moment of truth  
door shuts behind him

the company  
cannot run without you  
three hundred jobs will be eliminated by Christmas

by Adam & Erin Buxton

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### Touched

Evening sky  
through the rain  
A rainbow

droplets of mist  
trickle down her cheek

a soft touch  
to wipe the tears  
a promise of hope

her hands were clenched  
fallen to her knees  
she lets go

she looks up to the clouds  
the answer so clear

Peaceful as a lilly  
embracing the rays  
of the new born sun.

Beth Miller & Karen Logue

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## Weekend

Saturday night  
wine glass  
in hand

cool breeze through the window screens  
children sleeping soundly

the phone rings  
her heart drops  
at the sound of his voice

loud neighbors  
remain  
in the corner of his eye

the bar next door  
has always been a thorn in the side

Sunday morning  
can't sleep  
waiting for the sun to rise

By Amber Gray and Travis Gray

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## Loneliness

the dog barks  
at the mailman

dark corner  
the little girl sobs

sunrise time  
only dark clouds  
and rain

Christmas day  
Grandma stares  
at a picture of him

only regrets  
flow through the mind

questioning yourself  
what if . . .  
things were different?

By Amber Gray and Whitney Blickensderfer

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## Naive

Smell of sulfur  
in the air  
lightning crashes

senses focus  
anticipation builds

a nearby tree  
shelters me  
from my Fear

dare I ask what's  
on my--  
mind?

Sunset eyes  
Calming breath

my fingers chase  
sainbow colors  
Self reflection distorts

Beth Miller & Chad Ruwe

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## Obstacles

ice cream parlor  
the man walks by  
she encourages him to order

like fireflies  
roommates at night

one child born  
vows are exchanged  
the twirling wind awaits

as the tree grows  
more leaves are added  
time still cycling

several peaks and valleys  
life's landscape

memories are born  
memories still to come  
empty frames to be filled

a rengay by Josh & Celeste Settles

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Together

Sunflowers bloom  
taking countless photos  
of one white dress

nervous sense I asked  
her to marry me

time stands still  
a moment in time  
she enters the room

the icing was the best  
I ate more than you

so tired  
we only say goodbye  
to people by the door

you fell asleep  
on the way to the hotel

by Erica and Evan McDonald

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Untitled Rengay

autumn evenings  
cool breeze  
children's laughter

the football game is home  
where I see my old boyfriend

winter approaching  
colder nights  
shorter days

I love the smell of school supplies  
when the youngsters are back in business

frost on the windows  
cold cars  
heat feels good

the leaves are hiding the flowers  
I bought back in May . . .

by Erica McDonald and Shelley Benson

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Saturday

The familiar road home  
Always  
Reminds me of you

Brief shadowsÂ cast  
By winter trees

Bitter cold morning  
homemade biscuits  
As I reach for the alarm clock

Summer colored linoleum  
Mixed with brown  
coffee beans

Long hot bath  
Lavender silky pajamas

gentle relaxation  
bubbling over joy  
as I think

By Je'Taun Irons & Traci Moore

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Floating

Summer sky  
hot air balloon  
take me away

Floating free  
no worries or cares

Smiling  
the look on her face  
says it all

Life changes  
do we move on  
or do we settle

Decision made  
no looking back

Turning red  
she blows through  
the intersection

by Karen Logue and Candy Ridgeway

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Rengay

by the lake  
loud and widespread  
fireworks

sparkling stars  
light the path

constant chatter  
open gate  
scent of roses

Sunday afternoon  
I walk by the lake  
deep reflection

a baby's cry  
i hear nearby

a quiet road  
a lone street lamp  
over populated by moths

by Kim Blunt & Je'Taun Irons

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Rengay writing

snowy winter day  
lazy and cold  
couch

six inches  
where's the shovel?

eight friends  
movies and popcorn  
slumber party it is

two men  
hard at work  
drink in hands

late night  
peace at last

cherry blossom  
bubble bath  
at last!

by Kim Blunt & ???

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Rengay

race track  
fans  
fast cars

expensive motors  
fast paced  
sponsorships

lots of talent  
long races  
victory lane

trophy  
lots money

by Nancy Benson and Shelley Benson

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Untitled Rengay

cozy and warm  
2 of us  
fireplace

free and quiet  
then knock on door

hand in hand  
we walk  
in love

across the yard  
on the fence  
a dove

sprinkle, then rain  
a rainbow, at last

waves and shakes  
laughter with hugs  
goodbyes

by Kim Blunt & ???

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## Family Rengay

she wakes to find  
breakfast waiting  
on the kitchen floor

slime of the yolk  
yellow like the sun

not a good outlook  
for her day ahead  
SIGH . . .

yet the sun shines  
with a fresh, crisp breeze

the fresh rain  
will cleanse her  
she smiles

by Sara Reynolds & family

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## I DREAM

The autumn leaves  
vivid in colors  
falling from the trees

We drive  
down the winding road

The grass needs mowed  
and I pull the weeds  
to place new flowers

the tombstone engraved  
with your beautiful face  
you favorite colorâ€¦ pink

too young  
to be gone

Remember the little girl  
with mud  
on her face

by Staci Whitcomb and Hailey Mormann

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## The Date

The moon has arrived  
Michael Buble is singing  
As the candlelight flickers

Little black dress  
As I admire myself in the mirror

No thought left unturned  
The wine is chilling  
With desert prepared

As the time passes  
I eagerly await his presence  
My thoughts and body intertwine

"Tonight is the night"  
I say

The phone rings  
As I answer  
Silence reply's . . .

by TyKyna Fox and Shauna Mays

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## The Sleep Over

slumber party  
girls laughing  
together

parents wake  
lights come on

one by one  
the feet run  
down the drive way

windows go up  
one by one  
on the neighbors house

Blue and red lights flashing  
Toward us

BUSTED!!!

by Shauna Mays & Tina Cunningham

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## STEAK AND A BEER

cool summer night  
charcoal on the grill  
smoke in the air

eyes start to water  
and so does my mouth

crickets in the grass  
birds in the trees  
a beer in my hand

sizzle of the steak  
the flames rise  
and I go back in my mind

dog at the door  
waiting with anticipation

go lay down  
you're a pain in the ass  
this steak is mine!

by Staci Whitcomb and Corey Smith

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## GAME OF AGES

sun shining summer day  
silent air  
distance, 401 yards

tall trees and tall grass  
dancing in the wind

driving the distance  
hoping for the best  
successful situation

too many thoughts in my head  
need to clear the mind  
just play the game

old wise man carries  
multiple loved clubs

swinging freely all this time  
only two shots left and  
then two more

by Tyler & Kevin Riggs

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## Our City

Blue water  
Seagulls sing overhead  
her hand

Bat cracks  
Beers and dogs in hand  
shutter snaps

side by side  
slowing her down  
finish line

Glasses clink  
Happy new year  
Honeymoon

Strange looks  
fancy clothes  
wrong part of town

luggage and cabs  
tracks steady beat  
going home

by Tim and Christy Jankowski

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## The End

The light at the end of the tunnel  
Is 100 watts and beaming  
Last semester of undergraduate degree

All classes taken  
Graduation application signed

No more long evenings  
Amazon, Chegg, or Turnitin.com  
Sallie Mae is waiting outside the door

As I arrive to each class  
The countdown is on  
Thank you Lord I made it!!

Friendships were forged  
Achievements are priceless

Look out world  
Here I come, into  
THE BEGINNING

by TyKyna and Jean

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THE ADVENTURE

driving on the highway  
mile after mile  
where have we been

from dawn until dusk  
nothing ever changes

old brown table  
5 dice  
there goes all my money

empty bar stools  
all around me  
bartender, one more drink

dead conversation  
time to leave

door opens to the outside  
sun is up  
where did time fly?

by Tyler Riggs & Zach Keck

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Weekend Journey

Friday summer night  
Boat is hooked up  
Ready to go

lake waves  
crashing the shore

Cold beer in hand  
Out in the middle of nowhere  
Nothing to answer to

full moon  
shooting stars

Time to leave  
The children cry  
Sadness in the air

we shall meet again  
until then be easy

a pair of blue jeans  
holes in the knees  
my favorite pair

by Angela Tharp & Zach Keck