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A Past Life | One more day, indefinitely

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There was for a brief moment amidst the chaos, a glance into the past. Time was swept away in the wind as the earth rested and our bodies grew restless. We cheered for nature and yearned for nurture.



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When change ceases to exist, hoping for the future and reflecting on the past feel one and the same. We must open a window of hope—however small—and let the breeze carry our minds from stagnation.

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