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To Brad, Abby, and Simon: thanks for supporting my creative endeavors. I love you so much, forever and always.



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## *Before and After*

Life

Once so carefree

So innocent.

When the unexpected

Was exciting

And mysterious.

When it seemed that far past

The sky—was the LIMIT.

That there were no boundaries.

Now

Seems so fragile

So unprotected.

Where the unexpected is

Terrifying.

Where fears are running high

And WALLS continually go up

In the name of safety.

When hope is hard

And peace seems out of reach.

Love is steadfast

Hope will persevere

And Faith will endure

For God is with us.

