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## Play

Jennifer is skipping around  
the funeral home.  
Tomorrow she will miss our Grandfather,  
but today he is still in the room  
with so many faces watching,  
like her class surrounding her,  
bruised and toothless,  
the morning after her bike wreck.

Jennifer asks our Grandmother  
if she's heard the news, but tells  
her not to worry because he's in heaven,  
and grabs one hand, wrinkled like tissue,  
leading Grandma to the casket  
to say goodbye.

*Amy Judge*