### "Tide"

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Change comes **like the tide**, pulling away all I once knew, leaving footprints where certainty stood, washing away the past with quiet hands.

It rises **like the sun**, slow at first, then suddenly bright, warming the places I feared were frozen, turning endings into light.

# It shakes like the wind,

knocking down walls I built too high, whispering, "Let go, let grow," as I learn to stand in the unknown.

Change is not a thief it does not take without giving. It is a door left open, waiting for me to walk through.