

I wish I could tell you

I wish I could tell you
That when you laugh
Your eyes squeeze into smiles of their own
And your lips widen as your cheeks grow
And when you laugh, I laugh

I wish I could tell you
That when you sing along to the old songs that play on the TV,
I smile because I know you remember

I wish I could tell you
About our trip to Tahoe where the
Snow was soft and thick and bright white
The sunsets a pink-orange beauty
I wish you had more than the pictures as a memory
But I know even that will not help you remember

I wish you could tell me
About twelve years ago
When you could still remember
But when I was too young to remember
The previous you

I wish I could tell you
That you brighten my day
When you smile every time I walk past
When your amiability is indestructible
When your contagious laughter
Lifts me out of my darker moods
When you smile and thank me after I refill your cup

I wish I could tell you
That even though you do not remember the last few minutes
You always remember
Kindness