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Stillbirth by Laure Anne Bosselaar is a pantoum poem about permanent grief with distancing from the longing memories of her stillborn daughter. Bosselaar uses the poetic elements of repetition, imagery, and tone to develop this theme of permanent grief. She demonstrates that giving birth to a stillborn child is a common grief that is horrible to bear on both one’s sanity and very being. It changes the person you are because there is a heavy burden on your shoulders that you cannot seem to shake off. This is a terrible burden to beat, yet many mothers are trapped by it and Bosselaar has used this poem to show that it is a normal grief to bear.