

**Statement of Purpose**

on our balcony  
on Calle Jacaranda  
twelve hard years ago

your wailing grief surged  
from depths only mothers know  
—I would be your rock

words rose from my soul,  
you deserved all I could give,  
my unfailing love:

***“My life has no higher purpose  
than to contribute to the  
quality of your life”***

this broken haiku  
hopes to repair your trauma  
in some small measure



My 15-word *Statement of Purpose* found voice on the day Susan received news of Tyghe’s unsurvivable cancer in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, 2010. He died 2015. Photo 2018.

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