



When Paloma's best friend, Emily Rose, moved away,  
the sky grew heavy, and the days became long and dull.

Now there was only Mamá, Paloma's dog Bucket,  
and her sitter Jasmine, who was boring and  
never got off her phone.



At night Paloma would stare out her bedroom window at the dark. When it rained, she would listen for faraway thunder—faraway like Emily Rose. When her eyes grew tired, she would pull Bucket close and pray for Emily Rose to come back. Then, her heart heavy, she would drift into sleep.