

My Beautiful Sister

2 halves of one whole, some thought we were twins

I never understood how other siblings didn't get along, you were my best friend

We shared so many fun moments growing up together and I hold those memories dear

I always looked up to you and how kind you were to everyone around you and looking back, your empathetic heart made perfect sense as you knew exactly what it was like to suffer

I watched as this disease dimmed your light and kept you from dancing around like you loved to

Caused you to fall behind in school, despite your love for learning

On those really tough days, I'd watch you smile through the pain, though you'd still get up to try and play

Even in your suffering, you'd worry about how your pain would affect everyone else around you

You were so resilient in your spirit

You tried and tried and I know how hard you fought to stay here, but the disease was too much for you to bear

I wish I could have taken all the suffering from you to give you the respite you deserved

Oh how I wish your big dreams and aspirations came to fruition

You had so many big plans for the future and what our lives would look like once we grew up

I often think about the milestones we missed out on

Ever since you left, I feel a part of me is gone; incomplete and nothing can fill the void

My protector and confidant, I immediately felt lost without you and still do at times

But you would want me to carry on

When I see all the advancements in medicine today and the treatment of sickle cell, I wish that they all came sooner to save you

But I know that you would be grateful that others' pain is being alleviated and that more is being done to treat, and hopefully cure sickle cell one day

You will always be in my heart,

Love your sis

