

Farewell Pearl Bing Bing

Dear Pearl Bing Bing,

I remember as the grand oak tree leaves gently swayed in the midday breeze we lounged together on our always too creaky porch swing- gazing out into the seemingly never-ending forest of pine trees. Never would I be able to comprehend that this would be the final day of our perfect little world.

A noise. Oh, what a terrible, horrific noise pervaded my ears; your blood-curdling howls of unbearable pain. Scarlet red blood was cascading downward from your delicate turkey neck. My vision blurred instantaneously when your distressed eyes found mine - pain. Oh, so much pain your eyes held. A single glance of goodbye told me everything I needed to know.

Hot, wet tears were streaming uncontrollably down my flushed face when I could not bear it anymore. Barefoot, I ran away from you and the pure devastation with gravel piercing my skin in every pounding step. When I was finally far enough away, hearing only my pain streaked sobs, I curled up in a tiny ball on the ground and hoped, more than anything, that this was only a horrific nightmare. I then realized. . . I can't run away from my problems, so I slowly walked back to you with dread devouring my stomach in each unsteady step.

To say the feeling of anguish was complete and utter torture is an understatement. I regret, to this day, not being there when you were relieved of your misery, but I am overjoyed that you

are in a better place. Though you are a turkey, and I am a human, you will always be a part of me. I will never forget you.

I Love you, Pearl Bing Bing, always and forever. Love your best friend,(name omitted)