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Subject: Words Unspoken

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Someone very close to me lost their 18 yr old son last year to a drug overdose. He wrote a whole book of poems detailing how he felt. I really liked this one.

Words Unspoken

There is a wise adage explaining,  
how the pen is mightier than the sword,  
where words are more powerful,  
than other violent means of influence.

Words do carry tremendous weight,  
and much responsibility to those who wield them.

However, I suggest there are even threats,  
much heavier than words,  
either vocal or written,  
and those are the burdens,  
... of words left unspoken.

The pain of leaving things unsaid,  
even if unintentional,  
hurts with pain from a depth so deep,  
that even death is unable to reconcile.

Rational cannot solve this guilt,  
it's blind delusion over common sense.  
The power of words unspoken,  
leaves those grieving insurmountably crushed,  
under a burden not even memories can alleviate.

So though the pen may yield more might,  
the words left unspoken carry more weight.

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Subject: Re: Words Unspoken  
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I never thought in a million years I would be posting poetry but I found this and it really speaks to the nature of trials. Its very insightful as well. Its by Emily Dickenson. She used the word "blank". I don't know why. It seems like the wrong word to me but then its her poem not mine. Maybe blank was a deliberate choice or maybe she couldn't think of another word. I tend to think it was deliberate but then I don't know anything about poetry.

Pain has an element of blank  
it cannot recollect  
when it began or if there were  
a day when it was not

It has no future but itself  
its infinite realms contain  
its past enlightened to perceive  
new periods of pain

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