The Art of Sidewalk Chalk

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Etch a sketch of me into the pebbly cement so I can see the way you do. Rosy pink and powdery blue fill in my features like my hand in yours as we walk, shoulder to shoulder. You push aside used-up stubs with the tread of your boot, uncovering spots of imperfections, but you smudge them out with a thumb. What will you do when the rain sprinkles down? When colors run into the cracks, pooling vibrant rainbows in the dimples of the sidewalk. The picture of me washes away in the mud, gone like an absent thought that slipped off the tip of your tongue. But you caught it and drew it so I could feel the imprint under my toes.

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