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## **Coming Home**

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Born and raised in Saugerties, my choice to go to Bard meant that I would be attending college only a short drive from my family, friends, and the familiarity of my hometown. Though in some ways I've deprived myself of the new experiences that come with going away for school, this has also allowed me to continue to explore and appreciate the Hudson Valley, the place I've called home my entire life. However, the loss of my father in my freshman year, coupled with being in a college environment unlike anything I had experienced before, threw my sense of being at home into confusion. While finding a new place for myself at Bard, I also had to learn to navigate the changes happening in my family's home, searching for a feeling of belonging in places and situations that were at once familiar and unknown. "Coming Home" depicts an exploration of my personal redefinition of what "home" is, once again finding a sense of familiarity and comfort in the midst of all these changes.











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