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Author commentary: I wrote the poem, "memorabilia," as a way of preserving the memory of my father and the times he had visited me in dreams. He died from cancer. The poem is a way I maintained our relationship and make known the things I feel and miss about him.