

In Memoriam

Editors' Note: The author of this poem, Lauren Vinson, passed away with her boyfriend Jimmy Gatchell on February 5 of 2013. This poem was found and shared by her mother Melanie. Lauren was a student at OSUM. Although Lauren has passed on we still remember her spirit through her words.

"We meet but briefly in life, if we touch each other with stardust—that is everything."—Unknown

The Story of Us

Once upon a time, we met in school.
On this fateful day, we were both acting cool.
Flirting while others did prom set-up,
we were both trying not to mess up.
We did not speak to each other for the rest of the year,
I think because we both were fighting off the butterfly fear.
Then your high school career came to an end,
and like Kevin Costner, you were gone with the wind.
Then one day, there was a call
on that day, boy, you made me fall.
As you were standing there,
I was trying not to stare.
I only said two words to you that day,
It was "Hey Jimmy", because I had no idea what to say.
The next day, you told me a secret,
and you no longer had to keep it.
You told me that you had liked me in school
But, I was trying to keep my cool.
You however did not give up,
you were always smiling, and you kept your head up.
Then On September 5th, you asked "will you be mine?",
I shook my head yes and smiled, while my heart pounded on my spine.
Since that day, My love for you has Grown,
And Every day, I Will make sure My love for you will be shown.

—Lauren Vinson