## The Quilt So Soft

A poem written in Rondeau form



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One may ask, what is a Rondeau (https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/text/rondeau-poetic-form) poem? It is a poem that contains fifteen lines that have two rhymes throughout the poem. Typically the first few words or entire phrase from the first line get repeated twice. These words or phrase is called a refrain which is an excellent indicator of its history of being used for lyrics in the thirteenth century France



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The subject of this poem may seem to be about a quilt, but in actuality, it represents my grandmother. I had a very close relationship to Granny who was an amazing seamstress, embroiderer, and quilter. She created these one-of-a-kind quilts for all of her kids and grandkids alike. One specific quilt that inspired this poem was made from scraps of clothing that she made for herself. Being the talented seamstress, she made most of her clothing and would have such a wide variety of patterns or material types that it made this one quilt so colorful and yet so meaningful.

The quilt so soft, yet threadbare

Lies draped across my favorite chair.

I smile as it whispers to me, "Come close, sweet dear".

Is that your voice that I can almost hear?

Or is it my mind, carrying illusions through the air?

Each stitch placed with such care.

Colors carefully chosen with your playful flair.

Each scrap of cloth, holding a memory so clear.

The quilt so soft.

Swirls of flowers, from your skirt did flare,

Geometric shapes dancing on each square.

Even a swathe of cream colored cashmere.

All woven snapshots of each passing year.

The kaleidoscope pattern, chosen with care.

The quilt so soft.

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First, let's get to know who we are surveying. Sheila and Dave are both in their seventies, they've been married now for 53 years, and they are lucky enough to call me their granddaughter.

But I'm even luckier to call them my grandparents! Despite the age difference, Sheila and Dave are some of the coolest people I know. I will be asking my grandparents and my suitemates (all 18-years-old) the same questions about Tinder to compare answers.

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