

**Grandma is a voice on the phone**

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Grandma is a voice on the phone  
and her image is from  
the occasional picture  
Grandma has no smell,  
can't cook for you or  
hug you on your birthday  
The few memories fade away  
at an accelerating rate  
You can't visit grandma,  
she is too far away  
You can't visit grandma,  
you won't be able to come back home  
You don't know,  
if you will ever see grandma or feel her touch  
again  
So you talk to her on  
the phone on Sundays  
until your memory of her face  
fades