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In the midst of the sirens and the fires,
you slowed down the pace with your calming presence
being absent.
You left and just as I ask "Do I deserve myself?"
Just as I question my field, my art and my purpose
Just as I fear losing language
Just as I see the future chasing me,
I also promise:
to smile because you always said
"Khush raho" in reply to my
"Namaste",
to feel more,
to live you,
everyday.
I don't miss you
because you gave and loved enough for it to last in this life.

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