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The places of firefly catchings are no longer walkable in the dark. I will have to return to them by day because time has changed us both. Sitting walls covered with weeds, a ramshackle tree-house of skin exploration a victim of bending nails and the weather. The stream seems higher, closer to shore, paths less sure, but the tree still bridges it as it always did. Even the stones look smaller perhaps carved by rain and current, or my memory. The fireflies taunt me tonight - "come and see what else has changed as you forgot...or because."

"The moon lights these steps just enough and trees are still for climbing."

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