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Waking up...

It seems simple.

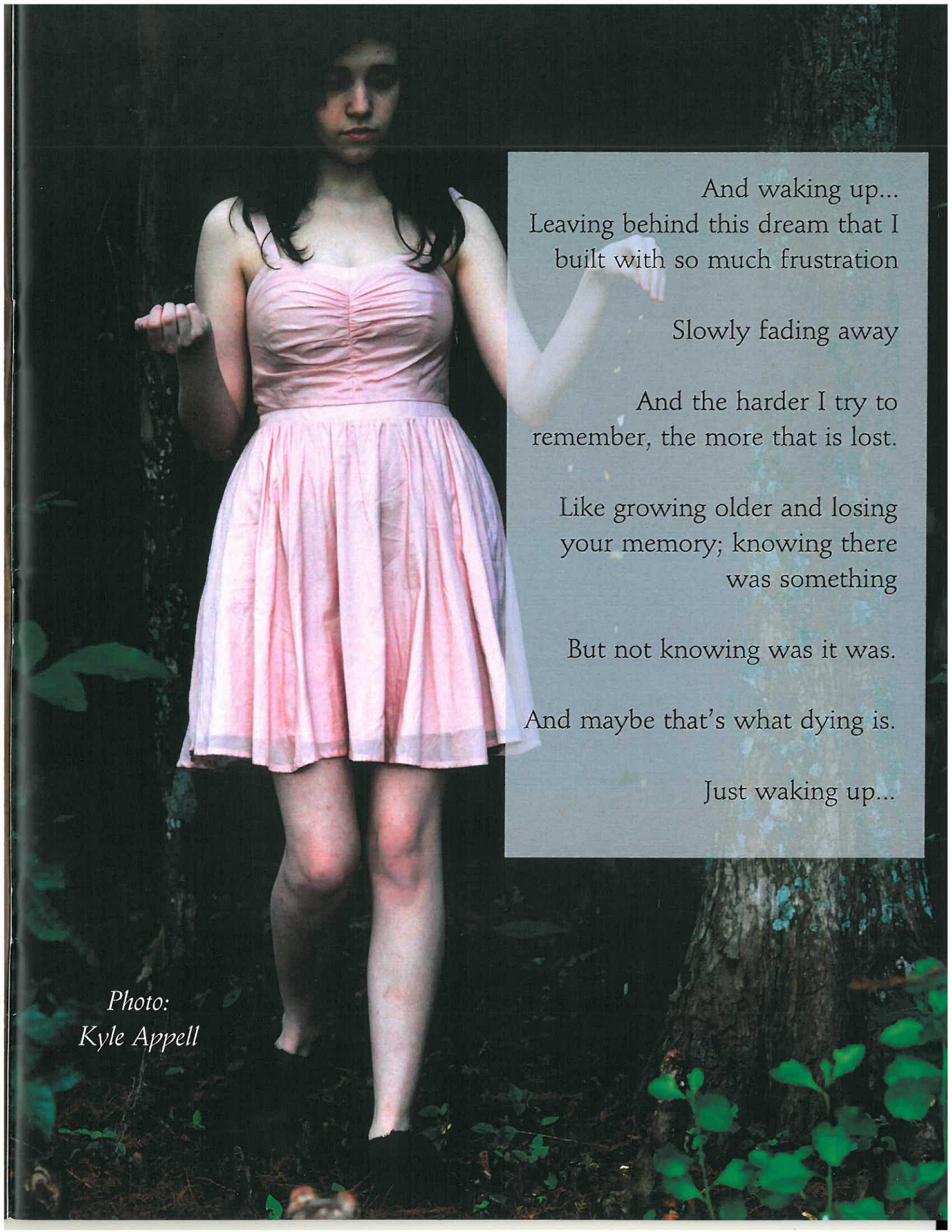
Mundane.

But somehow, I have a deep seeded,  
inescapable fear of waking up.

That everything I have failed at or  
accomplished was a dream.

That everyone I have ever met,  
talked to, hated, loved never existed  
and was nothing but a figure of my  
imagination.

That every touch and interaction,  
every feeling is and was only a  
figment created behind closed eyes.



And waking up...  
Leaving behind this dream that I  
built with so much frustration

Slowly fading away

And the harder I try to  
remember, the more that is lost.

Like growing older and losing  
your memory; knowing there  
was something

But not knowing what it was.

And maybe that's what dying is.

Just waking up...

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