

Tragedy Lie

Sung to the tune of “American Pie” by Don McLean

Lyrics by Casey Acklin

About fifteen years ago,
I can still remember how my Grandpa thought his life was through.
And I’m sure if we had known more,
if we were willing to explore,
then my grandpa wouldn’t have felt so taboo.

But stigma is a vicious beast
that sinks its teeth and won’t release.
My Grandpa died in sorrow.
He wished not for tomorrow.

I now spend every waking day
working toward communities that say
that no more lives will fade away.
Inclusion’s here to stay!

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