Unfulfilled Future

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When she was born she must have been beautiful because they named her Precious. New babies bring hope to their families. Their expectations of her future might have been like most parents: first word, first day of school, first boyfriend, first date, prom dress, graduation, marriage, kids, etc. Now they visit her once a year, travelling the 10-hour drive from southern California to death row in San Quentin Prison in San Francisco. At some point in time she will be put to death for murdering her likeable, hard-working boyfriend just because he wanted to end their relationship. This young man was someone her family had had great expectations would be her future.