

The pain doesn't disappear when we decide to rebuild ourselves—
it's the messiness that remains between our broken bits.

There are no guarantees waiting for us, no promise of endless joy or endless sorrow.

But maybe surrendering to the hope that we can build something new is a pathway through grief.

Maybe, just maybe, if we're tender enough with ourselves, it will lead us toward something we can't yet imagine.

## —Renee Wood

