if your mother had motherly eyes they will never go away even after her body is gone.

if your father had fatherly eyes
he would have made sure that
you would never forget.

if not
it is hard to realize
no one was watching
while what was
happening happened...

some of them spend the rest of their lives
stirring the dust and ashes in their eyes
and are never able to see
without the pain.

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