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Poem

The last sigh

By Ethan Taylor

Bedridden, laden with fears
 those sorrowful tears
 are helpless to cleanse,
 the infirm gravely yield
 to the pernicious will
 of disease.

Seeking
 reassurance
 one lifts his eyes
 to examine the familiar
 faces which surround
 his dying frame.

Disheartened,
 he sees mirrored
 in fretful stares
 the distress
 in which he
 is bathed.

Refuge,
 he sees well,
 is not to be found
 in the regretful eyes
 of the beloved.
 Nor can it lie
 in the kind hollows
 of consolation.

In
 isolation
 he is condemned
 to lie; absent
 are those estranged
 faces, ever distant
 as they gather
 to witness
 the last sigh.

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