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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: In keeping with the consensus of the editorial staff to "raise the bar" for the narrative essay section, I am recommending rejection of this submission. The topic is a wonderful one, the poem charts the downward course of this patient in poignant terms. But I tend to agree with Dr. Winter - this is not a well-crafted poem. It is too long, too simply descriptive, and the rhyme scheme does not really enhance the effort.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Dear, Thank you for submitting this heartfelt and well-observed poem for our consideration. Although we very much resonated to the empathy it expresses for this elderly hospitalized patient, we are unable to use the poem at this time. While the poem has much to recommend it in terms of its sentiment, the rhyme scheme and wordsmithing do not enhance the message you wish to convey.