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POETRY

A Good Death

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Stranger to her body's breath
witness to her mind
she dies the perfect death –
has no issue with mankind.

No pain, no fear
her vision clear
she turns for one last look
on those she loves, gathered close
around her starched white pillows.

Wrestling briefly to raise her head
she falters, smiles, lies back
knows there's nothing to be said
senses someone take her hand
and drifts away, as planned.