

SHE
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PREFACE

She is my wife's mother. She is a good soul; generous, thoughtful and appreciative of what is done for her. She has a marvelous sense of humor which we experience almost on a daily basis, for she now lives with us. There is only one problem. She is suffering from dementia. Our days are laced with laughter and sadness; one never knows what to expect. She is a proud lady who knows of her affliction, but can forget it in a moment. This is the way of memory loss; forgetting as well as forgetting what is forgotten and this can be a blessing.

My wife is wholly committed and attentive to her mother's needs; sometimes to a fault. I as well am attentive as one who observes and records our daily lives. My journal is filled with our events and much of my poetry, these days, reflects what happens in our home.

As with my previous books of multiple-voiced compositions my principal focus is to cross that border which separates language from music, molding these disciplines into a single unified form, availing myself of the forms of music; fugues, canons, rondos, counterpoint, crab-fugues, counter-point and rhythm which is the heartbeat of language.

As with music, these compositions should be read aloud to be fully understood and appreciated. Dashes in the text indicate a period of silence which can never be overstated.

Toby Lurie, Ft. Bragg, 1/26/07

WATCHING

1 I'm watching a soul slip away and a body too--- I'm watching
2 **I'm watching**

1 a soul slip away and a body too I'm watching
2 **and a body too--- a soul slip away**

1 I'm watching a soul slip away I'm watching---
2 **---I'm watching a soul slip away and a body too---I'm watching---**

1 Sweet spirit fading as I see I'm watching
2 **Sweet spirit fading as I see---**

1 a soul slip away--- Sweet spirit fading as I see
2 **and the body too Sweet spirit fading as I see**

3 I'm watching eyes passing through the stages
4 **I'm watching eyes passing through**

3 recognition--- confusion--- fear--- and anger
4 **the stages recognition--- confusion**

3 From one to the other and back again
4 **fear and anger----- From one to the other**

3 ---I'm watching a soul slip away and the body too-----
4 **I'm watching a soul**

3 Sweet spirit fading as I see-----
4 **slip away I'm watching a soul slip away**

3 and the body too-----I'm watching watching eyes
4 **and the body too watching eyes passing through**

3 through the stages recognition confusion
4 **through the stages----- recognition--- confusion**

3 fear and anger shifting to the other and back again
4 **fear and anger from one and back again**

1 -----I'm watching a soul slip away I'm in the front row
2 **and a body too-----**
3 -----I'm watching a soul slip away
4 **and a body too-----**

1 watching
2 **I'm watching---** a soul slip away---
3 I'm in the front row
4 **I'm watching**

1 and participating
2 **and the body too** Sweet spirit
3 watching
4 **a soul slip away---**

1 She doesn't wish to be here
2 **fading** as I see
3 and participating
4 **and the body too**

1 She doesn't wish to be here She shows no fear
2 I'm watching eyes
3 She doesn't wish to be here
4 Sweet spirit

1 of passing on---
2 passing through the stages
3 She shows no fear
4 fading as I see

1 This is what she desires---She doesn't want to be here-----
2 recognition--- She doesn't want to be here-----
3 She doesn't want to be here-----
4 She doesn't want to be here-----

1 This is not what she desires
2 This is not what she desires---confusion fear
3 This is not what she desires
4 This is not what she desires--- recognition---

1 from one
2 **and anger** to the other
3 and back
4 **confusion** **fear and anger---** **again---**

1 from one But she is unable to bring
2 to the other
3 and back
4 **again---** **again---**

1 this about---
2 **She is unable-----**
3 she is unable-----
4 **but to bring this about**

1 I'm watching an old woman returning to childhood---
2 **I'm watching** **an old woman**

1 I'm watching an old woman returning to childhood
2 **I'm watching an old woman** **returning to childhood-----**

1 and from childhood to helplessness
2 **I'm watching an old woman returning**

1 returning to childhood--- Watching---
2 **to childhood--- I'm in the front row**

1 I'm watching a soul a soul slip away
2 **She said it 'I'm becoming more and more**

1 and the body too more and more
2 **like a child'--- like a child-----**

3 She said it like a child---like a child Is there
4 **more and more every day---**

3 a logic The way we enter this world and the way
4 **Is there--- The way we enter**

3 we depart It seems somehow
4 **this world and the way we depart----- It seems**

3 flawed yet it is the way somehow flawed so it seems
4 **somehow** **flawed---** **It seems so**

1 -----I'm watching a soul slip away
2 **Sweet spirit fading**
3 I'm watching a soul slip away---
4 **fading**

1 I'm watching a soul
2 **slipping away---**
3 slip away--- a soul-----
4 **sweet spirit-----**

1 and the body too-----I'm in the front row watching-----
2 **and the body too** **watching-----**
3 and the body too-----I'm in the front row watching-----
4 **and the body too** **watching-----**

1 Is there a logic
2 **in the front row-----** **Is there**
3 passing through
4 **in the front row-----** **from one**

- 1 I'm watching a soul-----passing through...
- 2 **I'm watching a soul-----passing through...**
- 3 I'm watching a soul-----passing through...
- 4 **I'm watching a soul-----passing through...**

Fort Bragg, 8/30-31/06
(from journal entry, 8/30/06)

SHE

1 She rises and she falls---like the days and like the tides
2 **She rises and**

1 She rises--- like the days
2 **she falls---** **She rises and she falls---** **She rises**

1 and tides She rises and she falls and she falls
2 **she falls-----** **She rises and she falls**

1 like the days and tides She rises and she falls-----
2 **like the days and tides** **She rises and she falls-----**

3 This is reflected in countless ways---Sometimes her talk is in another tongue
4

3 ---This is reflected in countless ways
4 **Sometimes her talk** **is in another tongue**

3 Sometimes her talk in countless ways
4 **is in another tongue----- This is reflected**

3 is in another tongue-----She rises and she falls
4 **is in another tongue Sometimes her talk is in**

3 This is reflected in countless ways
4 **another tongue--- like the days and tides**

3 Sometimes--- Sometimes her talk is in another tongue
4 **Sometimes her talk---**

3 One that even she cannot translate-----
4 **another tongue----- in another tongue**

1 She rises and she falls
2 **She rises and she falls---**
3 Sometimes her talk is in
4 **her talk sometimes is in**

1 Like the days
2 **and tides**
3 another tongue in another tongue---
4 **another tongue---**

1 Like the days and tides
2 **Like the days and tides**
3 Sometimes her talk She rises---
4 **Sometimes her talk** **and she falls---**

1 in countless ways She rises and she
2 **This is reflected** **She rises and she**
3 like the days She rises and she
4 **and tides** **She rises and she**

1 falls in countless ways Sometimes her talk is in
2 **falls** **like the days and tides---**
3 falls in countless ways Sometimes
4 **falls** **like the days and tides---**

1 another tongue
2 **one that even she cannot**
3 her talk is in another tongue
4 **One that even she cannot translate**

1 At other times---
2 **translate-----** **she is in clarity**
3 At other times
4 **exposing wit**

1 and wisdom-----She rises and she falls in countless ways----
2 **in countless ways**
3 She rises and she falls in countless ways----
4 **in countless ways**

1 But generally in existential limbo unprepared for the
2 **One moment to the next**

1 consequences-----Often her language is held inside reflected---
2 **Often---**

1 in her eyes ever-changing
2 **her language is held inside reflected in her eyes---**

1 and so the same (She rises This
2 **ever-changing and so the same---- (and she falls---**

1 reflected in countless ways) and her lips always on the edge
2 **This reflected in countless ways)---**

1 of an utterance struggling with the words
2 **her lips always on the edge with the words struggling**

1 ---often withheld--- struggling with the words-----
2 **withheld--- struggling-----**

3 Her walk and general movement is hesitant
4 **Her walk and general movement**

3 is hesitant and uncertain Se is aware of her condition
4 **is hesitant and uncertain--- She is aware**

3 Wants to be finished with living---

4 **Wants to be finished-----with living---**

3 and her wish should be honored (She rises

4 **and her wish should be honored----- (and she falls---**

3 Sometimes--- her talk is in another tongue)---

4 **Sometimes her talk is in another tongue) She is aware**

3 She is aware wants to be finished

4 **of her condition wants to be finished with living**

3 with living and her wish should be honored---

4 **and her wish should be respected honored---**

1 We all know that this is not possible

2 **that she must remain**

3 This is not possible

4

1 with her body--- her body is ready
2 **with her body** until---
3 until--- her body is ready
4 **she must remain**

1 to let her go She rises and she falls-----in countless ways-----
2 **is ready to let her go-----She rises and she falls-----in countless ways-----**
3 to let her go She rises and she falls-----in countless ways-----
4 **is ready to let her go-----She rises and she falls-----in countless ways-----**

1 until her body is ready-----to let her go...
2 **until her body is ready-----to let her go...**
3 until her body is ready-----to let her go...
4 **until her body is ready-----to let her go...**

Fort Bragg, 9/1-2/06
(from journal entry, 9/1/06)

WONDERMENT

1 The simplest task made complex beyond belief simplest task
 2 **The simplest task**
 3

1 beyond belief made complex-----In fact some
 2 **made complex beyond belief**
 3 The simplest task

1 things
 2 **In fact some things cannot be done-----**
 3 made complex beyond belief

1 (some things in fact) cannot be done-----
 2 **(beyond belief made complex)**
 3

1 The simplest task **In fact some things be done--** The simplest task
 2 **In fact some things be done--**
 3 The simplest task some things cannot be done The simplest task

1 made complex beyond belief
2 **The simplest task made complex beyond belief---In fact some things cannot**
3 made complex beyond belief

1 In fact some things cannot be done
2 **be done---** **The simplest task**
3 In fact

1 The simplest task----
2 **made complex beyond belief---The simplest task----**
3 some things cannot be done The simplest task----

1 I know it because I observe
2 **In fact some things**
3 I know it because I observe

1 Because I observe it Not only
2 **cannot be done----** **I know it---**
3 The simplest task

1 the effort
2 **Because I observe it** **The simplest task**
3 I know it--- Because I observe

1 the brutal struggle but what it does
2 **made complex**
3 Not only the effort

1 to her--- but what it does to her
2 **beyond belief** **beyond belief**
3 Not only the effort

1 cannot be done----- but---
2 **some things cannot be done-----** **Not only---**
3 In fact some things Not only the effort

1 the simplest task--- made complex
2 **the effort**
3 the brutal struggle but what

1 beyond belief In fact some things
2 **The simplest task**
3 it does to her---

1 cannot be done---
2 **made complex beyond belief**
3 She knows too well She knows

1 I know it
2 **In fact some things cannot be done**
3 too well what has happened

1 because I observe it Some things cannot
2 **cannot be done---**
3 but even that Some things

1 be done be done
2 **be done She knows too well**
3 cannot be done-----be done---a blessing of sorts---

1 She knows too well---
2 **what has happened**
3 I think She experiences failure

1 what has happened
2 **but even that** **but even that**
3 in almost everything

1 but even that she forgets---The simplest task she forgets---
2 **she forgets** **The simplest task but even that**
3 The simplest task

1 but even that
2 **She knows** **too well**
3 She knows too well what has happened

1 she forgets--- I think
2 **I think she experiences failure**
3 A blessing of sorts---

1 she experiences failure
2 **in almost everything** she attempts
3 I know it because

1 in almost everything in almost everything
2 **but is able** to accept
3 I observe it

1 she attempts
2 **failure** because she doesn't see it---
3 Not only the effort

1 but is able to accept failure
2 **as such**
3 the brutal struggle but what it does to her

1
2 **and move on-----** She knows too well
3 She knows too well what has happened

1 she knows---But even that she forgets
2 **But even that she forgets----- But even---**
3 But even that she forgets But---

1 But even that---she forgets-----Forgetting what she failed at---
2 **she forgets and forgetting**
3 she forgets

1 The simplest task made complex
2 **that she failed----- beyond**
3 The simplest task made complex

1 She has been reduced---
2 **belief--- to simplicity-----**
3 She has been reduced---

1 which has become for her so complex
2 **to simplicity She knows too well**
3 I know it

1
2 **what has happened** **but even that she forgets**
3 because I observe it but even that she forgets

1 so monumental---
2 **She has been reduced to simplicity**
3 She has been reduced to simplicity-----

1 Which has become for her so complex so monumental
2 **Which has become for her**
3

1
2 **so complex** **She observes**
3 so monumental---She observes visual experience

1
2 **visual experience** **as a child**
3 as a child The wondrous experience of nature

1 but even that she forgets
2 **the wondrous experience** **is always**
3 is always on her tongue

1 but even that---
2 **on her tongue---** **she forgets---she forgets---**
3 but even that---

1 Each tree for her is an event
2 **Each tree** **for her is an event-----**
3 There is

1 There is no forest--- is a tree
2 **A tree**
3 no forest is a tree and this attitude

1 and this attitude embraces all of her experiences-----
2 **and this attitude embraces all of her experiences**
3 embraces all of her experiences

1 As with children she lives existentially
2 **She has been reduced**
3 She knows

1 passing from discovery to discovery
2 **to simplicity**
3 She knows too well too well

1
2 **---The wondrous experience of nature is always on her**
3 The wondrous experience

1 As with children she lives existentially
2 **tongue**
3 of nature is always on her tongue

1 but even that she forgets---passing from discovery to discovery
2 **but even that she forgets but even that**
3 but even that she forgets

1 erasing present time
2 **she forgets---**
3 passing from discovery to discovery

1 erasing present time-----
2 **but even that she forgets**
3 erasing present time-----

1 as soon as it has passed on
2 **but even that she forgets-----**
3 she forgets-----

1 erasing present time---as soon as it has passed on-----but even that-----
2 **erasing present time---as soon as it has passed on-----but even that-----**
3 erasing present time---as soon as it has passed on-----but even that-----

1 she forgets...
2 **she forgets...**
3 she forgets...

Fort Bragg, 9/7/06
(from journal entry, 9/6/06)

9/3/06

1 I left them for a day, (mother and daughter) to visit a friend up north---
2

1 I spoke with him of them
2 I left them for a day to visit a friend up north

1 and we agreed It's almost never easy
2 I(spoke with him of them and we agreed

1 ---I left them for a day---I returned today and daughter
2 ---I left them for a day--- (daughter and mother)

1 told me it had been a difficult time When mother
2 to visit a friend up north

1 awoke she was dizzy barely able to move
2 I spoke with him of them and we agreed

1 returning to bed chanting sleep sleep sleep---
2 **It's almost never easy---**

1 die die die--- and daughter knows
2 **I returned today and daughter told me**

1 and daughter knows what mother wants
2 **it had been a difficult time (and daughter knows what**

1 what mother wants I left them for a day
2 **mother wants--- when mother awoke**

1 sleep sleep sleep sleep sleep sleep sleep
2 **chanting die die die----- die die die-----**

3 When the mind goes When the body goes
4 **and the body follows and the mind follows**

3 ---the mind--- goes a person prays
4 **the body--- follows--- When the mind goes**

3 that it will be over soon But sometimes--- it drags
4 **and the body follows---** **But**

3 When the mind goes and the body follows
4 **sometimes** **When the mind goes and the body follows-----**

3 But sometimes it drags--- endlessly When mother awoke
4 **But sometimes** **it drags---**

3 she was dizzy--- barely able to move
4 **endlessly** **But sometimes---** **it drags**

3 returning to her bed chanting--- die--- die--- die---
4 **endlessly** **sleep** **sleep** **sleep**

3 before it is suddenly over-----suddenly over-----
4 **before it is suddenly** **over** **suddenly over-----**

1 It takes a brave soul to want it to be over
2
3 **I left them**
4 It takes a brave soul

1 when it's time to be finished
2 **for a day**
3 to want it to be over
4 **I left them**

1 to end---
2 **to visit a friend** to visit a friend up north
3 when it's time
4 **for a day** to visit a friend

1 unless that soul is seduced---
2 **I spoke with him of them**
3 to be finished
4 **up north**

1
2 **and we agreed---** **It's almost never easy** seduced by
3 to end
4 **I spoke with him**

1 the belief that a better life is waiting
2
3 unless that soul is seduced by the belief
4

1 on the other side
2
3 that a better life is waiting on the other side
4 **and we agreed**

1 I left them for a day to visit
2 **mother and daughter**
3 I left them for a day
4 **it's almost never easy-----** **mother and daughter**

1 a friend up north
2 **I spoke with him of them**
3 to visit a friend up north-----
4 **I spoke with him**

1 and we agreed Mother and daughter know better
2
3 it's almost never easy----- Mother and
4

1
2 **This is the only and final place**
3 daughter know better-----
4 **This is the only and final place----**

1 the only and final place
2 **There is none other-----**
3 the only and final place-----
4 **There is none other-----**

1 none other----- and mother is ready to say goodbye-----
2 **and mother is ready to say goodbye**
3 none other----- and mother is ready to say goodbye-----
4 **and mother is ready to say goodbye**

1 to say goodbye...
2 **to say goodbye...**
3 to say goodbye...
4 **to say goodbye...**

Fort Bragg, 9/25/06
(from journal entry 9/3/06)

ANNIVERSARY

1 We're celebrating a first anniversary—She's been with us a year today-----
2

1
2 She has no idea how a year feels---Who has---The measurement from then to now

1 We're celebrating a first anniversary
2 is no longer than it takes to remember---

1 She's been with us one year today
2 She has no idea how a year feels Who has?

1 How often have we said it How often
2 The measurement from then to now is no

1 have we said it-----
2 longer than it takes to remember We're celebrating a first

1 How often have we said it feels forever---
2 **anniversary---** **She has no idea how**

1 forever or a day--- there is no time
2 **a year feels** **And for one who has no memory there is no time**

1 Only the moment which is eternal-----
2 **-----Only the moment which is eternal** **There is no time---**

1 She's been with us one year today-----
2 **There is no time-----** **How often-----**

1 How often have we said it feels like forever---
2 **like forever and a day-----**

1 And for one who has no memory there is no time-----
2 **forever and a day**

1 which is eternal---- She's been with us
2 **Only the moment** **She's been with us one year today**

1 one year today----- Only the moment
2 **one year today----- which is eternal-----**

1 The measurement from then to now is no longer than it takes
2 **The measurement**

1 to remember----- How often-----
2 **from then to now to remember----- How often**

1 How often have we said it feels like forever
2 **have we said----- forever and**

1 And for one who has no memory there is no time
2 **a day----- And for one who has**

1 Only the moment--- which is eternal
2 **no memory there is no time Only the moment**

1 Only the moment which is eternal----- Her response to that which
2 **which is eternal eternal-----**

1 confuses her is 'Oh my God'-----

2 **To her credit she has no response to God-----**

1 She's been with us a year---So suddenly arrived

2 **She's been with us a year**

1 'Where did the girls go'

she asks

2

So suddenly arrived

'Where did the girls go'

1 I cover for the girls

and say

'They went for

2

she asks

I cover for the girls

1 a walk'

'Kind of late for that'

she responds

2

and say

'They went for a walk'

1

'Why' I ask

and she laughs

2 **'Kind of late for that'**

she responds

'Why' I ask

1 She measures time in moments

each one new

2

We're celebrating a first anniversary

1 and within
2 **She's been with us one year today**
3 She measures time in moments

1 the new a universe---
2 **She has no idea how a year feels---**
3 each one new---

1 everything as well as nothing and that she knows
2 **Who has?**
3 and within the new

1 but need not know
2 **The measurement from now to then-----** from now
3 a universe

1 The measurement and that
2 **to then** and for one who has no memory
3 a universe---

1 she knows (We're celebrating
2 **There is no time---**
3 everything as well as nothing--- (We're celebrating

1 a first anniversary have we said)
2 **(One year today---How often**
3 a first anniversary How often

1 She measures time in moments each one new
2 **it looks like forever)**
3 and a day)---

1 and within the new
2 **---She measures time in moments---**
3 She measures time

1 She could be angry
2 **each one new-----** **We're celebrating a first anniversary---**

1 or complain or be demanding
2 **She's been with us a year today** **She has no idea**

1 but this is not her way She is gentle---
2 **how a year feels** Who has?--- **She is**

1 stubborn exasperating proud an everlasting
2 **gentle** **stubborn** **exasperating**

1 grateful soul and we love her-----Yes and yes we do...
2 **as everlasting grateful soul**-----and we love her-----Yes and yes we do...

Fort Bragg, 820/07.

WATCHING

1 She loves her mother---She is watching her mother die---

2

She loves her mother

3

1 Some days gently

they pass---

2

She is watching her mother die

Some days

3

She loves

1 Other days

harshly---

She is watching her mother die-----

2

gently---She is watching her mother die-----

3

her mother

She is watching her mother die-----

1 with confusion

with distrust

2

they pass---

Other days

3

Some days

gently they pass

3 ---with anger---

with sadness---

2

harshly---

3

Other days

4

She loves her mother

1
2 **with confusion---** **with distrust---** **with anger---**
3 harshly--- with confusion---
4

1 and sadness-----She is watching her mother die
2 **and sadness** **She is watching her mother die**
3 with distrust---and sadness-----She is watching her mother die
4 **and sadness** **She is watching her mother die**

1 There is much of her in her mother
2 **much of her** **in her mother**
3 There is much
4

1 There is much of her in her mother-----
2 **There is much of her in her mother** **There is much**
3 of her----- There is much of her in her mother-----
4 **There is much of her in her mother** **There is much**

1 There is much of her mother in her----- There is much
2 **of her mother in her** More by the day-----
3 There is much of her mother in her-----
4 **of her mother in her**

1 of her mother in her
2 **and she knows it**
3 of her in her mother
4 **More by the day**

1 There is a wisdom without
2 **There is much of her mother**
3
4 **and she knows it---**

1 the discipline which her mother has
2 **She has**
3 more by the day
4 **and she knows it**

1 There is a wisdom
2 **her mother's wisdom as well as**
3
4 **She has her mother's wisdom**

1 without the discipline which her mother has
2
3 and she knows it
4 **as well as**

1 She has her mother's wisdom
2 **The discipline from education She has**
3 She has her mother's wisdom
4 **The discipline from education--- She has**

1 She loves her mother
2 **her mother's wisdom----- Some days gently**
3 She loves
4 **her mother's wisdom-----**

1 She is watching her mother die
2 **they pass**
3 her mother She is watching her mother die-----
4

1 And the beauty which was once
2 **Some days gently they pass-----**
3
4 **Some days gently they pass**

1 her mother remains faintly but
2 **And the beauty which was once her mother**

1 clearly seen and she has that beauty as well
2 **remains---** **faintly but clearly seen**

1 and she has that beauty more by the day---
2 **and she has that beauty as well---** **clearly defined**

1 and she knows it clearly defined
2 **she has that beauty---** **and she knows it-----**

3 She loves her mother--- They are where they
4 **She is watching her mother die---**

3 need to be They are laughing and speak like
4 **They are where they need to be**

3 good friends--- and they pause at times
4 **They are laughing like good friends---**

3 in sadness in silence----- like good friends
4 **and they pause at times in sadness**

3 and they pause at times at times in silence-----
4 **in silence-----**

1 She loves her mother--- Some days gently pass
2 **She is watching her mother die---**
3 She loves her mother--- gently pass
4 **She is watching her mother die---**

1
2 **Other days harshly** **with confusion** **with distrust**
3 some days
4 **Other days** **harshly---**

1
2 **with anger** **and sadness**
3
4 **with confusion---** **with distrust---** **with anger and sadness**

1 **There is much of her in her mother** **More by the day**
2 **and sadness-----**
3 **much of her**
4

1 **and she knows it---** **She loves her mother---**
2
3 **in her mother** **she knows it---**
4

1 and she is watching
2 **They are where they need to be**
3 She loves her mother
4

1 watching her mother die---
2 **They are laughing**
3
4 **They are where they need to be**

1 She loves her mother
2 **speaking like young friends** and they
3
4 **They are laughing**

1 She is watching She loves her mother-----
2 **pause at times-----** in sadness---
3 She loves her mother-----
4

SHE

1 Each day an increasing burden Each day
2 **Each day an increasing burden**

1 an increasing burden----- This morning
2 **This morning she asked where the other**

1 she asked where the other person was
2 **person was The other person her daughter**

1 The other person her daughter-----
2 **her closest and most beloved Each day**

1 Each day an increasing burden-----
2 **an increasing burden Today they go to Chico for a few days**

1 to Chico--- for a few days She says
2 **She says it will be her last trip there**

1 her last trip there and it may be
2 **and it may be** for each day **is an increasing**

1 an increasing burden----- an increasing burden-----
2 **burden-----** each day-----

3 This passage has not been an easy one The good days less frequent
4 **This passage has not been an easy one**

3 as the bad days increase less frequent as the bad
4 **The good days** less frequent **as the bad days increase**

3 days increase----- for a few days
4 **Today they are going to Chico for a few days**

3 Each day--- an increasing burden
4 **Each day an increasing burden** Each day

3 This morning she asked where the other person was
4 **an increasing burden-----** **This morning she asked**

3 The other person
4 **where the other person was----- where the other person was---**

1 This passage has not been
2
3 her daughter-----
4 **closest and most beloved-----**

1 an easy one---
2 **She loves her mother**
3 She wants to go home
4 **The simplest task**

1 The good days less frequent
2 **She is watching her mother die-----**
3
4 **made complex**

1 We are watching
2 **They are where they need to be-----**
3 but where is home
4

1
2 **They are laughing**
3 That which is familiar is forgotten
4 **complex beyond belief**

1 the gradual decline
2 **and speaking** **She knows too well**
3 She seems mostly peaceful
4

1
2 **what is happening**
3 Bound more to nature
4 **She knows too well what is happening**

1 Bound more to nature than to people---
2 **We are watching the gradual decline**
3 than to people
4 **We are watching the gradual decline**

1 We are watching the gradual decline of a brave and good soul-----
2 **of a brave and good soul** **We see our**
3 We are watching the gradual decline of a brave and good soul-----
4 **of a brave and good soul** **We see our**

1 We see our future reflected there----- (She loves
2 **future reflected there** **(She is watching**
3 We see our future reflected there-----
4 **future reflected there**

1 her mother) Today they are going to Chico
2 **her mother die)-----** **Today---**

1 for a few days Her mother says it will be her last
2 **they are going to Chico---**

1 trip there and it may be for each day
2 **Her mother say her last trip there---**

1 is an increasing burden They are laughing
2 **for each day is an increasing burden-----** **They are laughing**

1 and speaking like young friends in sadness-----
2 **and they pause at times-----**

1 knowing--- and saying goodbye-----
2 **in silence----- and waiting--- wordlessly-----**

3 She wants to go home to her final resting place
4 **She wants to go home----- to her final resting place-----**

3 She is a beautiful soul It takes a brave soul to want
4 **a beautiful soul----- It takes**

3 to be finished When it's time I'm watching
4 **a brave soul to want to be finished When it's time**

3 a soul slip away and the body too
4 **I'm watching a soul slip away-----**

1 She rises and she falls like the days and the tides
2
3 She rises and she falls like the days and the tides---
4

1 She loves her mother----
2 **There is much of her in her mother** **She loves her mother----**
3 She loves her mother----
4 **There is much of her in her mother-----She loves her mother----**

1 She is watching her mother die-----She is watching her mother die-----
2 **She is watching her mother die-----She is watching her mother die-----**
3 She is watching her mother die-----She is watching her mother die-----
4 **She is watching her mother die-----She is watching her mother die-----**

1 watching-----watching...
2 **watching-----watching...**
3 watching-----watching...
4 **watching-----watching...**

10/7-8/06
(from journal entries)

THEY

1 She is holding her mother who is holding her--- who is holding her
2 **Her mother**

1 She is holding her mother who is holding her
2 **she is holding----- She is holding her mother**

1 There is no need for words We learn
2 **holding her--- There is no need for words-----**

1 our lessons from others There is no need
2 **We learn our lessons--- from others**

1 for words--- She is holding her mother who is holding her
2 **She is holding her mother who is holding her**

3 When we hold the weeping person we are holding
4 **She is holding her mother**

3 ourselves--- When we hold the weeping person
4 **she is holding her---** **When we hold**

3 we are holding ourselves-----
4 **the weeping person we are holding ourselves-----**

3 She is holding her mother who is holding herself----
4 **She is holding her mother**

1 There is no need for words
2 **We learn our lessons**
3 There is no need
4 **We learn**

1 They are the messengers
2 **from others-----** **They are**
3 for words They are the messengers
4 **our lessons from others-----** **They are**

1 She is holding her mother who is holding her
2 **the messengers-----** **She is holding her mother who is holding her**
3 She is holding her mother who is holding her
4 **the messengers-----** **She is holding her mother who is holding her**

1 -----When we hold the weeping person we are holding ourselves
2 **When we hold the weeping person we are**
3 -----When we hold the weeping person we are holding ourselves
4 **When we hold the weeping person we are**

1 ourselves-----
2 **holding ourselves**
3 ourselves-----I'm watching a daughter
4 **holding ourselves** **I'm watching**

1
2
3 saying goodbye to a mother saying goodbye
4 **a daughter** **saying goodbye** **to a mother**

1 we could possibly be So suddenly-----
2 **always here** So suddenly-----
3 So suddenly So suddenly---So suddenly-----
4 **So suddenly-----**

1 A chilled foggy morning winter crouching in the forest
2 **A chilled foggy morning**

1 summer in retreat How many summers
2 **winter crouching in the forest---** **summer**

1 and winters--- remaining---
2 **in retreat** **How many summers and winters** **remaining---**

1 She is holding her mother who is holding her-----
2 **She is holding her mother who is holding her**

1 holding her mother She is holding
2 **who is holding her-----** **who is holding---**

3 Her mother sits quietly her sadness a burden---
4 **Her mother sits quietly**

3 which touches us all a burden which touches us all---
4 **her sadness a burden which touches us all**

3 When we hold the weeping person--- When we hold
4 **When we hold the weeping person the weeping person**

3 ---Her mother sits quietly her sadness a burden
4 **When we hold holding When we hold**

3 which touches us all When we hold
4 **the weeping person--- Her mother sits quietly**

3 holding the weeping person----- the weeping person-----
4 **holding ourselves-----**

1 Her sadness a burden which touches
2 **So suddenly** **we are there**
3 Her sadness
4

1 all of us A chilled foggy morning
2 **which is here-----**
3 a burden
4 **So suddenly**

1 winter crouches
2 **always here** **the only place**
3 which touches all of us
4 **we are there**

1 in the forest---
2 **we could possibly be**
3 A chilled foggy morning
4 **which is here**

SHE WANTS TO HELP

1 She wants to help to feel alive in her shrinking world---
2 **She wants to help**

1 She wants to help I reject her---
2 **To feel alive in her shrinking world---**

1 in a kindly way saying---
2 **She wants to help I reject her in a kindly way saying**

1 that I need no help She wants to help---I reject her in a
2 **that I need no help-----She wants to help**

1 kindly way saying that I need no help-----
2 **I reject her in a kindly way saying**

3 All is simplified and I need no help but she wants to help
4 **All is simplified**

3 and I reject her saying---
4 **and I need no help but she wants to help and I**

3 there is really nothing to do and she retreats
4 **reject her really nothing to do**

3 feeling more alone----- but soon she asks
4 **and she retreats feeling more alone**

3 Is there anything anything I can do---
4 **and she retreats feeling more alone**

3 to help to help-----
4 **but soon she asks Is there anything I can do to help-----**

1 And I tell her it has all been done She wanting to know

2 **And I tell her**

3

4

1 am I certain?---
2 **it has all been done** she wanting to know
3 And I tell her
4

1 to which I reply to which I reply
2 am I
3 it has all been done
4 **And I tell her**

1
2 **certain** to which I reply
3 she wanting to know
4 **it has all been done** she wanting

1 to which I reply-----
2
3 am I certain to which I reply-----
4 **to know** am I certain

1 to which I reply-----to which I reply-----There is really nothing to do
2 **to which I reply-----to which I reply-----**
3 to which I reply-----to which I reply-----
4 **to which I reply-----to which I reply-----**

1 and she retreats again and she retreats again
2 **There is really nothing to do and she retreats**

1 only to return a moment later to ask me
2 **again only to return a moment later**

1 if there is anything I can do-----telling her
2 **to ask me if there is anything**

1 there is nothing I can do I has all
2 **I can do---telling her there is nothing**

1 been done There is nothing I can do And she
2 **I can do---There is nothing I can do---**

1 retreats again only to return a moment later---
2 **and she retreats again**

1 only to return a moment later to ask me-----
2 **only to return a moment later to ask me-----**

1 is there anything I can do-----And I telling her there is nothing
2 **is there anything I can do----- And I**

1 to do there is nothing to do-----
2 **telling her there is nothing to do to do-----**

3 It has all been done Each time of its own reality
4 **It has all been done----- Each time**

3 only to be erased upon the arrival
4 **of its own reality only to be erased**

3 of the next an entirely new reality as are those
4 **upon the arrival of the next**

3 which follow----- She wants to help
4 **an entirely new reality** She wants to help

3 to feel alive in her shrinking world
4 **to feel alive in her shrinking world** and I reject her-----

1 She wants to help
2 **to feel alive---** in her shrinking world---
3 She wants to help
4 **to feel alive**

1 She wants to help and I say
2 **Is there anything** **Is there anything I can do---**
3
4

1 I don't need her help
2 **Is there anything**
3 She wanting to help
4 **Is there anything I can do**

1 when all she wanted to do
2 **I can do to help**
3 and I say I don't need
4 **to help**

1 when all she wanted
2 **Is there anything I can do**
3 her help when all she
4 **Is there anything I can do---**

1 to do
2 **was feel alive in her shrinking world**
3 wanted to do
4 **was feel alive in her shrinking world-----**

1 and she's helping now...
2 **and she's helping now...**
3 and she's helping now...
4 **and she's helping now...**

Fort Bragg, 10/28-29/06

PATIENCE

1 I started losing patience with myself when I
2 **I started losing patience**

1 started losing patience with my mother-in-law
2 **with myself when I started losing**

1 with my mother-in-law-----I started
2 **patience with my mother-in-law-----with my**

1 losing patience with myself when I started losing patience with my
2 **I started losing patience with myself when I started losing**

1 mother-in-law My mother-in-law is a beautiful soul
2 **patience with my mother-in-law-----**

1 and happy living with us
2 **My mother-in-law is a beautiful soul and happy living**

1 and I'm happy having her with us But tonight
2 **with us and I'm happy having her with us---**

1 she reminded me in her way but not intentionally
2 **But tonight she reminded me**

1 that patience is a virtue that can come
2 **in her way but not intentionally**

1 with a price is a virtue that can come with a price
2 **that patience is a virtue that can come with a price**

1 -----let there be no doubt I started
2 **let there be no doubt-----I started losing patience with myself**

1 losing patience with myself when I started
2 **when I started losing patience**

1 losing patience with my mother-in-law
2 **with my mother-in-law when I started**

1 One can have more than one mother-
2 **losing patience with my mother-in-law----- One can have more**

1 in-law in a lifetime I suppose----- Its been
2 **than one mother-in-law in a lifetime I suppose-----**

1 a while since I've been told it's cold and I should
2 **Its been a while since I've**

1 put on a sweater not once but many times
2 **been told It's cold and I should**

1 it's cold many times---
2 **put on a sweater not once but many times and told**

1 and told that it was time
2 **that it was time to put more wood on the fire**

1 to put more wood on the fire
2 **which I did and that it appeared precarious**

1 which I did and that I should turn off the hall light
2 **which it wasn't---**

1 and that I didn't have to turn off the kitchen light
2 **which I did---** **which I did**

1 and that I should bring her a napkin and that one more log
2 **which I did**

1 should go on the fire which I did---
2 **which I did** **which I did---** **I did-----**

1 But I started losing patience with myself when
2 **But I started** **losing patience**

1 I started losing patience with my mother-in-law
2 **with myself** **when I started**

1 with myself-----
2 **losing patience with my mother-in-law-----**

1 with my mother-in-law-----when she reminded me
2 **with my mother-in-law----- when she reminded me-----**

1 that patience is a virtue that can come with a price
2 **that patience is a virtue----- that can come**

1 patience-----patience...
2 **with a price-----patience-----patience...**

Fort Bragg, 11/22/06
(from journal entry, 11/22/06)

THINKING ABOUT

1 A beautiful calm surrounds that face I was thinking about
2 **A beautiful calm**

1 she said about what
2 **surrounds that face I was thinking about----- she said-----**

1 a long silence----- I was thinking about-----
2 **about what a long silence**

1 she said looking around for a reply
2 **I was thinking about she said-----**

1 a long silence----- Back to her Readers Digest
2 **looking around for a reply**

1 large print for tired eyes and then
2 **and silence----- Back to readers Digest**

1 she sighs turns a page What had she lost
2 **large print for tired eyes-----**

1 Where did it go I was thinking about
2 **and then she sighs--- What had she lost----**

1 a long silence A beautiful calm
2 **thinking about----- a long silence-----**

1 surrounds that face I was thinking about
2 **A beautiful calm surrounds that face**

1 about what a long silence ----- I was
2 **I was thinking about----- about what**

1 thinking about a long silence-----
2 **about what----- What had she lost-----**

1 What had she lost Where did it go
2 **where did it go It's going to be cool tonight**

1 It's going to be cool tonight I can feel it-----
2 **I can feel it** on my hand

1 on my hands she rubs her hands
2 **She rubs her hands** having forgotten what she

1 having forgotten what she can't remember
2 **can't remember** She turns pages

1 She turns pages in both directions
2 **in both directions** She skips pages

1 she skips pages----- A beautific calm surrounds that face-----
2 **A beautific calm surrounds that face**

1 I was thinking about-----
2 **I was thinking about** she said A life in remission

1 I was thinking about A life in remission memories
2 **memories-----** lost and found

1 I was thinking about she said-----
2 **and lost again----- I was thinking about----- she said-----**

1 lost and found and lost again as she reads
2 **She is aware of my attention**

1 the words not understanding what they say
2 **She is aware of my attention**

1 but proud and noble
2 **She reads the words not understanding what they say---**

1 and noble----- A beautific smile surrounds her face...
2 **but proud----- A beautific smile surrounds her face...**

Fort Bragg 1/4-5/07

SUFFERING

1 She is suffering from dementia loss of memory
2 **She is suffering from dementia**
3

1 -----loss of mind Remember she would do better
2 **loss of memory----- loss of mind**
3

1 if she could
2 **Remember-----**
3 She is suffering from dementia loss of memory-----

1 She is suffering from dementia
2 **she would do better if she could----**
3 loss of mind

1 she would do
2 **She is suffering from dementia**
3 Remember she would do better if she could

1 better if she could-----She is suffering from dementia-----loss of memory
2 **She is suffering from dementia**
3 She is suffering from dementia

1 loss of mind-----
2 **loss of mind**
3 loss of memory She is a child in many ways

1 She is a child----- in many ways
2 **She is suffering**
3 but is not learning

1 (in many ways)
2 **from dementia (from dementia**
3 as children do (but is not learning)

1 but not learning
2 **she is suffering) loss of memory**
3 from day to day-----

1 as children do
2 **loss of mind** Remember-----
3 they moving in one direction

1 from day to day
2 **she would do better** if she could-----
3 She moving in the other

1 They moving in one direction
2 **(in one direction)-----**
3 She moving in the other

1 She is suffering from dementia Do not
2 **in the other)-----** **She is suffering from dementia-----**
3 She is suffering from dementia

1 be impatient Do not be hasty
2 **She is suffering** suffering
3 Do not be impatient

1 She is doing the best the best
2 **from dementia---** **loss of memory**
3 Do not be hasty

1 she is able----- and I'm sure
2 **loss of mind** **Remember**
3 She is doing the best

1 in moments of lucidity
2 **she would do better**
3 she is able and I'm sure

1 she sees herself as she is
2 **if she could**
3 in moments of lucidity she sees herself

1 She is suffering from dementia-----
2 **(in moments of lucidity)-----She is suffering from dementia**
3 as she is She is suffering from dementia

1 and feels ashamed----- How awful that must be
2 **loss of memory**
3 and feels ashamed

1 for her To know what she has---
2 **loss of mind**
3 How awful that must be for her

1 become
2 **Remember----- she would do better**
3 To know what she had become-----

1 The pain must be deeper deeper than words
2 **She is a child**
3 The pain must be

1 can express
2 **in many ways but not learning not learning**
3 deeper in many ways

1 She is suffering from dementia-----a loss of memory
2 **She is suffering from dementia**
3 She is suffering from dementia a loss of memory-----

1 a loss of words Leave the room if you must
2 **a loss of words**
3 of words-----

1 but not in anger
2 **Do not be impatient**
3 Leave the room Leave the room if you must

1 She is a child in many ways
2 **Do not be hasty** **She is doing**
3 but not in anger

1 Do you understand-----
2 **the best she is able-----** **Do you understand-----**
3 She is a child in many ways Do you understand-----

2/4/07

1 Two minds with but a single thought she said
2 **Two minds with but a single thought**

1 ---But my mind has never gone--- has never gone
2 **she said But my mind never gone**

1 to where hers will not be found but is---
2 **to where hers will not be found but is--- Two minds**

1 Two minds with but a single thought-----
2 **with but a single thought she said**

1 she said But my mind has never gone
2 **But my mind has never gone to where hers**

1 to where hers will not be found-----but is-----
2 **will not be found but is---**

3 She is captured within a real and unreal world She is in
4 **She is captured Between**

3 both of them----- She is in both of them---
4 **a real and unreal world She is in both of them**

3 Sometimes--- by choice
4 **Sometimes by choice and sometimes by chance She is in**

3 and sometimes by chance She is in both of them-----
4 **both of them She is in both of them**

3 She is captured between a real and unreal world
4 **She is captured between a real and unreal world**

1 She is in both of them
2
3 She is in both of them---
4 **She is in--- both of them**

1 Sometimes by choice
2 **By choice she moves** from one to the other---
3 She is in
4

1 Sometimes by chance
2 drifting---
3 both of them
4 **By choice she moves** from one

1
2 **more easily** from dark to light
3
4 **to the other** drifting--- more easily from dark

1 By choice and sometimes--- by chance
2
3 Sometimes--- by choice---
4 **to light**

1 Two minds with but a single thought
2 she said-----
3 and sometimes by chance----- Two minds with but a single thought
4 she said-----

1 But my mind has never gone to where
2 she said
3 But my mind has never gone
4 she said

1 hers will not be found but is
2 But my mind has never gone
3 to where hers will
4

1 Two minds
2
3 not be found----- but is
4 Two minds with but a single thought

1 with but a single thought-----
2 **to where hers-----**
3
4

a single thought-----

1 And I thought about it thinking A single thought
2 **And I thought about it---**

1 two minds--- How is that possible?
2 **thinking--- A single thought--- A single thought**

1 and I thought about it---
2 **two minds-----and I thought about it How is that possible?---**

1 And I thought about it Two minds with but a single thought
2 **And I thought about it Two minds with**

1 And I thought about it
2 **but a single thought----- And I thought about it-----**

1 How is this possible---A single thought Two minds
2 **How is this possible**

1 How is this possible How is this possible
2 **a single thought Two minds a single**

1 two minds----- a single thought-----
2 **thought two minds----- a single thought-----**

3 Each with a piece of it each with the whole
4 **contained within two brains**

3 This is possible and may
4 **each with a piece of it----- How is this possible?**

3 happen more frequently than we might imagine
4 **a single thought contained within**

3 She has lost her mind but she has gained
4 **two brains----- each with a piece of it**

3 another knowledge----- Grotesque---
4 **each with the whole This is possible**

3 humbling--- inspiring---
4 **and may happen more frequently than we might imagine----**

1 Two minds with but a single thought she said----But my mind
2 **Two minds with but a single thought she said**
3 Two minds with but a single thought she said
4 **Two minds with but a single thought she said**

1 has never gone to where hers will not be found
2
3 But my mind has never gone
4

1 but is---
2 She is captured between
3 to where hers will not be found---but is---
4

1
2 a real and unreal world She is captured
3
4 She is captured between a real

1 She is in both of them sometimes by choice
2
3 She is
4 and unreal world-----

1 sometimes by chance
2
3 in both of them sometimes by choice---sometimes by chance
4

1 Two minds she said-----with but a single thought
2 **with but a single thought she said**
3 Two minds she said-----with but a single thought
4 **with but a single thought she said**

1 she said---This is possible and may happen more frequently
2 **she said This is possible**
3 she said
4 **she said**

1 than we might imagine
2 **and may happen more frequently**
3 How is this possible
4

1 She has lost her mind but---
2 **than we might imagine----**
3 A single thought---
4

1 she has gained
2 **She has lost her mind**
3 contained within
4 **A single thought---**

1 another knowledge Grotesque---
2 **humbling**
3 two brains
4 **contained within two brains**

1 All within the fabric of her mind
2 **All within the fabric of her mind**
3 ---inspiring All within the fabric of her mind
4 **knowing----- All within the fabric of her mind**

1 carrying her----- away...
2 **as gently as possible-----away...**
3 carrying her----- away...
4 **as gently as possible-----away...**

Fort Bragg, 2/4-5/07

SHE AND ME

1 Tonight we may speak of fires as fires seem to be
2 **Tonight we may speak of fires**

1 the burning obsession of the moment
2 **as fires seem to be the burning obsession**

1 the burning obsession of the moment-----Tonight we may speak of fires-----
2 **of the moment Tonight we may speak of fires-----**

1 She prefers a violently burning fire because she feels
2 **She prefers**
3 Tonight

1 that such a blaze
2 **a violently burning fire because**
3 we shall speak of fires

1 will bring more warmth
 2 **she feels** that such
 3 She prefers a violently burning fire

1 Tonight we may speak of fires to the room
 2 **a blaze---Tonight we may speak of fires** will bring
 3 Tonight we may speak of fires
 4 **Tonight we may speak of fires-----Tonight**

1 and because
 2 **more warmth** to the room
 3 because she feels
 4 **we may speak of fires**

1 the look of a blazing fire
 2 and because
 3 that such a blaze
 4 **as fires seem to be**

1 makes her feel good
2 **the look**
3 will bring more warmth
4 **as fires seem to be**

1 and who could deny
2 **of a blazing fire-----**
3 to the room
4 **the burning obsession**

1 that response Tonight we may speak of fires
2 **Tonight we**
3 and because Tonight we may speak of fires
4 **of the moment-----** **Tonight we**

1 And who could deny that response for it
2 **may speak of fires-----** **Who could deny**
3
4 **may speak of fires-----**

1 is in all of us----- 'The fire needs repair'
2 **that response**
3 Tonight we may

1 she informs me---
2 **for it is in all of us**
3 speak of fires as fires seem to be

1 It needs to be prodded a bit
2 **'The fire needs repair'**
3 the burning obsession

1 from its slumber---
2 **she informs me** **It needs to be prodded a bit**
3 of the moment

1 and this moment she turns to me-----Tonight we may
2 **from its slumber**
3 Tonight we may

1 speak of fires 'Toby look at the fire
2 **Tonight we may speak of fires----- and this moment**
3 speak of fires

1 'I really did a good job where I
2 **she turns to me---** 'Toby look at the fire

1 prodded it that time' A broad
2 **I really did a good job where I prodded it**

1 smile on her face to which I winked and she
2 **that time'---** **A broad smile**

1 understood and she understood
2 **on her face to which I winked and she understood**

1 Tonight we may speak of fires as fires seem to be the burning obsession of the
2

1 moment---She prefers a violently burning fire because she feels that such a
2

1 blaze will bring more warmth to the room and the look of a blazing fire makes
2

1 her feel good and who could deny that response for it is in all of us---
2

1 But I prefer the fire that burns low and glows
2 **I prefer the fire that burns low**

1 and sends out a more penetrating heat and sends out
2 **and glows and sends out a more**

1 a more penetrating heat----- a more lasting one
2 **penetrating heat**
3 **Tonight we may speak of fires**

1 It's all a matter of preference
2 **a more penetrating heat**
3 as fires seem to be-----

1 No two people
2 **a more lasting one** **It's all a matter**
3 the burning obsession----

1 respond alike---
2 **of preference** **No two people respond alike**
3 of the moment No two people

1 to a fire
2 **It's a matter of preference---**
3 respond alike--- Tonight we speak

1 be it high be it low-----
2 **No two people respond alike** **to a fire**
3 of fires

1 Tonight we speak of fires-----No two people respond alike
2 **Tonight we speak of fires** **No two people respond alike-----**
3 Tonight we speak of fires

1 to a fire
2
3 She prefers violently burning fires
4 **Tonight** **we speak of fires---**

1 be it high be it low
2 **to a fire** **be it high**
3 because she feels that such a blaze
4

1 For myself
2 **be it low**
3 will bring more warmth--- into the room
4 **as fires seem to be**

1 I must say I must say
2 **For myself** **for myself**
3 and because
4 **the burning obsession**

1
2 **I must say**
3 and because---the look of a blazing fire makes her
4 **of the moment**

1 The most perfect fire
2
3 feel good----- and who can deny that response-----
4

1 is the one that surrounds me-----
2 **The most perfect fire-----**
3 and who can deny
4

1 Tonight we may speak of fires
2 **Tonight we may speak of fires-----**
3 that response-----Tonight we may speak of fires
4 **Tonight we may speak of fires-----**

1 and who--- can deny that response-----
2 **we may speak** **of fires...**
3 and who--- can deny that response-----
4 **we may speak** **of fires...**

Fort Bragg, 2/21-22/07
(from journal entry, 2/21/07)

WE THREE WE

1 A mother is attempting sleep on the sofa
2 **A daughter cares for her mother**
3

1 A mother is attempting to sleep
2 **A husband sits on his recliner---** **A daughter**
3

1 on the sofa
2 **cares for her mother** **A daughter**
3 A husband sits on his recliner-----

1 Her mother slips
2 **finds it painful**
3 A husband having just returned from his

1 in and out of sleep
2 **but would never admit it**
3 favorite coffee house where he

1 I wonder what goes on
2 **The daughter**
3 had great success----- at converting

1 as a damaged mind passes from
2 **who sits beside her mother**
3 a journal entry

1 from conscious to unconscious
2 **is engrossed in another book**
3 into a duet-----

1 An unfortunate choice of words
2 **(a unfortunate choice of words---**
3 A husband sits on his recliner

1 for conscious sounds disconnected which it isn't
2 **A daughter cares** for her
3

1 by any measure-----
2 **mother**
3 A husband has just returned from his favorite

1 A mother is attempting
2 **A daughter loves to read**
3 coffee house--- where he had

1 sleep on the sofa
2 **but I wonder-----**
3 great success converting a journal entry

1 A mother slips in and out of sleep
2 **(A mother slips in and out of sleep)** if she also reads
3 into a duet-----

1 (if she also reads to escape)
 2 **to escape** from what-----
 3 A husband sits on his recliner

1 to escape from that which is feared
 2 **to escape from that** which is feared
 3 to escape from that

1 which is feared A mother is attempting
 2 **and inevitable-----** and inevitable-----
 3 which is feared

1 to sleep-----
 2 **A daughter cares for her mother-----**
 3 A husband sits

1 wondering...
 2 **observing-----**
 3 in silence on his recliner-----

Fort Bragg, 2/24/07 (from journal entry, 2/24/07)

CONVERSATION

1 "So you have four children and you think they're perfect"---

2 "Yes they are

1 I know they're good kids but are they perfect"---

2 they're good kids too"

1 "There are two clocks very close

2 "Yes they're perfect; Toby what time is it"

1 to you" with a twinkle in her eyes

2 "I know—but I can only see one" I can only

1 This is the humor that seeps from her condition

2 see one--- This is the humor

1 She knows that one clock is enough

2 that seeps from her condition She knows---

1 But the implication is--- that she suggests
2 **that one clock is enough** **But the**

1 she may require two Still she wants me
2 **implication is** **that she suggests-----**

1 to believe for a moment---
2 **she may require two** **Still---she wants me to believe**

1 that one clock is not enough
2
3 "So you have four children" "And you think

1 while at the same time
2 **for a moment**
3 they are all perfect" "Yes they are

1 she wants me to know
2 **that one clock is not enough** **while at**
3 They're good kids"

1 she is having fun---
2 **the same time** she wants me to know
3 "But are they perfect"

1 that she is having fun
2 **wants me to know**
3 "Yes they're perfect" that she is having fun-----

1 "Toby what time is it"
2 **"Toby what time is it"** Sometimes
3 "Toby what time is it"-----Sometimes I think her sense of humor

1 Sometimes I think
2 **I think** her sense of humor goes far
3 goes far beyond mine

1 her sense of humor
2 **beyond mine-----** goes far beyond mine-----
3 I think Her sense of humor

1 So now you know what time it is "I didn't ask the time"---
2 "It's 6:39"

1 "Thanks"-----
2 "Well I just gave it to you-It's 6:41" "When will Carlyne

1 "Between 8:00 and 9:30" Am I supposed to
2 come home" "What time is it now"---

1 say, 'There are two clocks in the room'
2 so she can say-'I only see one'

1 'It's 6:57' Soon enough
2 "Then Carlyne will be home soon"--- "What time is it"

1 I don't answer "I know----
2 "I have four children and they are all teachers"

1 'I know' I said' thinking
2 **"I just thought of that"** **"and they're all perfect"**
3

1 Each time
2 **Each time chuckling**
3 Each time chuckling as though she had thought of it

1 chuckling as though
2 **as though** **she had thought of it**
3 for the first time

1 she had thought of it
2 **for the first time**
3 and she did and so it came to her fresh

1 for the first time-----because her recent past
2 **and so she did (for the first time)** **because---**
3 (for the first time)

1 is forgotten washed clean
2 her recent past is forgotten
3 because her recent past

1 cannot be remembered-----Such a condition---
2 cannot be remembered washed clean---
3 cannot be remembered is forgotten---

1 seems to me terrifying-----
2 cannot be remembered Such a condition
3 washed clean

1
2 seems to me terrifying
3 cannot be remembered----- Such a condition seems to me

1 or sacred and holy-----beyond understanding...
2 or sacred and holy-----beyond understanding...
3 terrifying-----or sacred and holy-----beyond understanding...

Fort Bragg, 2/28/07 (from journal entry same date)

1 her daughter and Chicken-Pot-Pie 'Did she finish her bath'
2 **Tonight**
3 beyond

1 she asks--- 'She has had
2 **it's her daughter and Chicken-Pot-Pie**
3 Where is she

1 time to take three showers' she says
2 **'Did she finish her bath'---**
3 Her world

1 The Chicken-Pot-Pie will burn in hell---
2 **she asks She has had time**
3 sweet soul

1 'beyond edibility'
2 **to take three showers'** she says---
3 Her world is so narrow

1 (She has no place to go) she comments
2 **(She has no place to go)**
3 She has no place to go beyond where she is-----

1 'I'll take
2 **'The Chicken-Pot-Pie will burn in hell'**
3 Existential in the extreme

1 a look' I say
2 **'beyond edibility' she comments-----**
3 Her world sweet soul

1 'I just did' she replies
2 **'I'll take a look' she replies**
3 She has no place to go---

1 'How did it look' Her world---
2 **'I just did' she replies**
3 beyond where-----

1 No place to go is so narrow
2 **sweet soul** beyond
3 is so narrow----- where she is---

1 No place to go-----'Did she
2 **sweet soul** no place to go-----
3 Her world No place to go-----

1 finish her bath'
2 **she asked---** **she says**
3 'She has had time to take three showers'

1 'The Chicken-Pot-Pie will burn in hell'
2 **she comments-----**
3 'The Chicken-Pot-Pie will burn in hell'

1 'I'll take a look' 'How did it look'
2 **I say-----** **she replies-----**
3 'I just did'

1 'In the bath'
2 **I ask-----** **she says-----**
3 'Where is she' 'or taking a shower'

1 'or dreaming' 'Well-if the Chicken-Pot-Pie burns up'
2 **I suggest---**
3 'there will

1 'We will eat Chicken-Pot-Pie'
2 **she flared---** **I declared-----**
3 'be nothing to eat'

1 'Please don't worry
2 **she said-----** **I replied-----**
3 'Don't worry it looks fine'

1 in the background
2 **I can hear her**
3 She can be heard but her mother can't-----

1 (Her world She has to go)
2 (sweet soul no place)
3 (is so narrow beyond where

1 I can hear her
2 because my deafness is less severe
3 she is) but her mother can't

1 I can hear her
2 -----because my deafness is less severe
3 but her mother can't

1 -----but her mother can't
2 because I can hear her
3 my deafness is less severe---

1 I hope she doesn't feel--- Because she has
2 I hope---
3 doesn't feel that I'm unkind

1 to go I hope she doesn't feel that I'm unkind
2 **no place to go** I hope she
3 to go beyond where she is-----I hope she doesn't feel that I'm unkind

1 It's just that the Chicken-Pot-Pie
2 **doesn't feel that I'm unkind-----** It's just
3

1
2 **that the Chicken-Pot-Pie** doing fine-----
3 is doing fine-----

1 and so are we...
2 **and so are we...**
3 and so are we...

Fort Bragg, 3/10-11/07
(from journal entry, 3/8/07)

ANOTHER DAY

1 Today she went down sharp pain left side
2 Today she went down sharp pain
3

1 pillow beneath her head This could be her time
2 left side--- a pillow beneath
3

1 and I went down with her-----
2 her head and I went down with her----- This could be
3 Today she went down

1 Daughter at her side
2 her time---
3 sharp pain left side pillow beneath her head

1 I at my recliner in careful watch
2 Daughter at her side
3 This could be her time

1 Her breathing eased and I went with her
2 -----I at my recliner in careful watch and I went with her
3 and I went with her

1 became regular Today she
2 ---Her breathing eased
3 Daughter at her side---

1 went down and I went down with her
2 Today she went down and I went down with her
3 and I went down with her I at my recliner in careful watch

1 and she returned to us and I returned for I saw myself beside her
2 and she returned to us-----
3 and I returned for I saw

1 in that moment
2 and I returned-----
3 myself beside her Her breathing eased

1 which comes to all of us
2 **for I saw myself** **beside her** **in that**
3 became regular

1 from which she had returned
2 **moment** **where she lay---**
3 and she returned to us

1 Here one moment---gone the next So I identify
2 **Here one moment** **gone the next**
3

1 with that old lady Old man I
2 **So I identify**
3 Here one moment gone the next---

1 who could enter that place Old man I
2 **with that old lady---**
3 with that old lady

1 of no returning sooner than she
2 **who could enter that place**
3 Old man as I am

1 sooner than she-----
2 **That place of no returning**
3 who could enter That place of no returning

1 of no returning----- Here in one moment
2 **sooner than she-----**
3 sooner than she-----Here in one moment

1 Still---- when she went down
2 **gone in the next----- Still---- when she went down**
3

1 I went down-----I went down with her and we rose together
2 **I went down with her and we rose together**
3 ---I went down----- I went down with her and we rose together

1 -----to live another day-----Today she went down sharp pain
2 -----to **live another day** **Today**
3 -----to live another day

1 left side pillow beneath her head
2 **she went down sharp pain left side-----**
3

1 This could be her time-----and I went with her-----and we rose together-----
2 **This could be her time-----and I went with her-----and we rose together-----**
3 and we rose together-----

1 to live another day...
2 **to live another day...**
3 to live another day...

Fort Bragg, 3/11/07
(from journal entry, 3/10/07)

SOUL OF TREASURE

1 What a sweet lady---soul of treasure sometimes perfect timing laced with humor
2

1 sometimes shattered-----What a sweet lady--soul of treasure
2 **What a sweet lady**

1 sometimes perfect timing laced with humor
2 **soul of treasure sometimes---**

1 sometimes shattered----sometimes shattered----
2 **perfect timing laced with humor sometimes shattered----**

1 A commercial with talking animals to which she responded---
2 **A commercial**

1 'I never heard a lion talk like that'
2 **with talking animals to which she responded**

1 The other animals were talking too
2 ---'I never heard a lion talk like that'---

1 but she spoke only of the lion There are
2 The other animals were talking too---

1 several conclusions There are several
2 but she spoke only of the lion--- There are

1 conclusions What a sweet lady soul of treasure
2 several conclusions----- What a sweet lady---

1 sometimes perfect timing laced with humor
2 soul of treasure sometimes-----

1 sometimes-----shattered sometimes shattered
2 perfect timing laced with humor

1 sometimes shattered-----There are several conclusions-----
2 sometimes shattered
3 What a sweet lady

1 Number one---The lion is the king of beasts

2

There are several conclusions

3

1 and deserves special recognition---

2

Number one---

3 soul of treasure

sometimes

1 Number two---

She would comment

2

The lion is the king of beasts

3 perfect timing---

1

comment on the last thing

2

and deserve special recognition

3 laced with humor

1

she saw

because-----

2

Number two---

She would comment

3 sometimes---

shattered---

1 because she is existential-----
2 **on the last thing she saw**
3 sometimes shattered

1 is existential---and forgets the present
2 **because she is existential-----is existential**
3 is existential

1 as soon as it becomes the past----- as soon
2 **and forgets the present as soon as it**
3

1 as it becomes the past----- the past----
2 **becomes the past as soon**
3 as it becomes

1 Number three--- She has heard the other animals
2 **Number two---**
3 Number one---

1 talking on other commercials
2 **She would comment**
3 The lion is the king of beasts

1 but never
2 **on the last thing she saw because she is existential**
3 and deserves

1 as she said had she heard the lion
2 **and forgets**
3 special recognition The lion is the

1 talk like that
2 **the present**
3 king of beasts and deserves special recognition----

1 What a sweet lady soul of treasure Number four---
2 **What a sweet lady soul of treasure-----**
3 What a sweet lady soul of treasure She has

1
2 **She has heard the other animals**
3 heard the other animals talking in more

1 She has heard the other animals
2 **talking**
3 real-life situations And finally----

1 talking
2 **in real-life situations** And finally
3 she said she had never heard

1 in more real-life situations And finally
2 **she said**
3 a lion talk like that-----

1 she said----- she had never heard a lion
2 **And finally she said she had never**
3

1 talk like that but the others may have
2 **heard a lion---**
3 And finally she said

1 had a strange accent
2 **talk like that** but the others
3 she had never heard a lion

1 or perhaps this lion had the
2 **may have had a strange accent** or perhaps this
3 talk like that-----

1 accent or was she just trying-----
2 **lion had the accent**
3 or perhaps this lion had the accent-----

1 to make pleasant conversation...
2 **just trying---** to make pleasant conversation...
3 or was just trying to make pleasant conversation...

Fort Bragg, 3/15/07
(from journal entry same day)

THINGS AND NOTHINGS

1 She keeps us informed calling our attention to everything
2 **She keeps us informed**

1 our cats their positions of sleep
2 **calling our attention to everything-----**

1 on their backs on their sides
2 **our cats their positions**
3 She keeps us informed

1 wrapped around a piece of furniture
2 **of sleep**
3 calling our attention to everything

1 their playfulness
2 **on their backs on their sides**
3 our cats their positions of sleep

1
2 **wrapped around a piece of furniture**
3 on their backs on their sides-----

1 their sluggishness
2 **their playfulness**
3 wrapped around a piece of furniture

1 She keeps us informed
2 **their sluggishness** **She keeps us informed**
3 their playfulness--their sluggishness She keeps us informed

1 The weather a favorite topic The sun just came out
2 **The weather** **a favorite topic**
3

1 no more sun today look at the fog
2 **the sun just came out**
3 The weather---

1 flowers cars homes cattle deer
2 **birds trees flowers cars homes**
3 birds trees

1 fogs people
2 **cattle deer fogs**
3 flowers cars homes cattle deer fogs people---

1 people---Nothing is ignored----- She keeps us informed
2 **people--- is ignored-----**
3 Nothing is ignored-----

1 calling out attention to everything
2 **She keeps us informed calling our attention to everything**
3 **She keeps us informed calling our attention to everything**

1 -----to everything-----She has a keen eye for conditions
2 **-----to everything** **She has a keen eye**
3 -----to everything

1 and events that we take too for-granted
2 **for conditions**
3 She has a keen eye

1
2 **and events that we take too for-granted**
3 for conditions that we take too for-granted

1 too for-granted-----
2 **She is aware of objects**
3 She is aware of objects movements

1 She is aware of objects movements And yes---
2 **movements And yes---**
3 And yes---

1 So aware of the time-----Either she asks for the time
2 **So aware of the time** **Either she asks**
3 So aware of the time

1 or she offers the time
2 **for the time** or she offers
3 Either she asks for the time

1 She asks more and offers more
2 **the time** She asks more
3 or she offers the time-----

1 than anyone I've known---
2 **and tells more than anyone** I've known---
3 than anyone

1 All in good spirit with good intentions
2 **All in good spirit**
3 I've known-----

1 endlessly
2 **with good intentions-----**
3 All in good spirit with good intentions

1 A kind soul entering deeper
2 **endlessly----- A kind soul-----**
3 endlessly-----

1 into the corridors of forgetfulness---
2 **entering deeper**
3 a kind soul-----

1 of forgetfulness---of forgetfulness
2 **into the corridors entering deeper---**
3

1 into the corridors-----of forgetfulness-----fearlessly-----
2 **into the corridors-----of forgetfulness-----fearlessly-----**
3 into the corridors-----of forgetfulness-----fearlessly-----

1 and openly-----or so it would seem...
2 **and openly-----or so it would seem...**
3 and openly-----or so it would seem...

Fort Bragg, 3/24-25/07
(from journal entry, 3/24/07)

SHE AND I

1 I do it too so I see it clearly I ask a question
2 I do it too so I see it

1 She ignores it (She ignores it
2 I ask a question---(I ask a question so I see it

1 I ask a question I do it too so I see it clearly)-----
2 I do it too) She may have

1 She may have--- heard me say it
2 heard me say it She may not have heard a thing

1 She may not have She may not have
2 She may not have or she heard it at least thought she

1 heard a thing--- or she heard it
2 heard it--- at least thought she heard it

1 at least thought she heard it---
2 **and not understanding**
3 I do it too so I see it

1 and not understanding
2 **the question** thought best to ignore me-----
3 clearly

1 the question (I do it too)
2 **rather than give a stupid reply----**
3 I ask a question (I do it too)

1 thought best to ignore me
2 **(so I see it clearly)-----** rather than give
3

1 rather than give a stupid reply
2 **a stupid reply** I do it too-----
3 and she ignores it-----

1 I do it too---
2 **on occasions**
3 She may have heard me say it She may not have heard me

1 on occasions on occasions
2 **not entirely rare** **not entirely rare**
3 say it--- She may

1 I do it too
2 **on occasions---It has to do with deafness**
3 not have heard me She may

1 not entirely rare
2 **and a deteriorating mind**
3 not have heard a thing or she

1 It has to do with deafness
2 **or a combination of the two**
3 heard it--- or she heard it

1 and a deteriorating mind

2

3

contributing to the

at least thought she heard it

1

or a combination of the two-----

2 **exigencies of advanced age**

She calls from below

3

1 contributing to the exigencies of advanced age

2

3

and I

and not understanding

1

She calls from below

and I ask her----

2 **ask her**

Who got the hit?

3

the question

1

Which team got the hit?

2

Which team has a man on first?

3 thought best to ignore me

1
2 **There is no reply---**
3 rather than give a stupid answer----- I do it too---

1 Which team has a man on first?
2 **and I assume that she doesn't know**
3 on occasions

1 ---There is no reply and I assume
2 **but doesn't want me to know**
3 not entirely rare

1 that she doesn't know
2
3 It has to do with deafness and a deteriorating mind

1 but doesn't want me to know
2 **that she doesn't know**
3 or a combination of the two

1 that she doesn't know---and what a blessing---
2 **and what a blessing**
3 contributing

1 not knowing-----
2 **not caring-----**
3 to the exigencies of advanced age-----

1 or thing-----Free of attachments-----
2 **to any person** **Free of attachments-----**
3 not responsible Free of attachments-----

1 ready to depart...
2 **ready to depart...**
3 ready to depart...

Fort Bragg, 5/3/07
(from journal entry, 5/2/07)

1 and that will be when she arrives----- Arrivals are
2 **when she arrives-----**

1 important things almost important as journeys
2 **She'll be here when she arrives)**

1 from which the arrivals from which the journeys
2 **Arrivals are important things**

1 again-----
2 **almost as important as journeys almost as important as journeys**

1 again again--- If we understand
2 **from which the arrivals from which the journeys**

1 completely If we understand completely then we know
2 **again--- If we understand**

1 that journeys and arrivals need not begin
2 **completely then we know that journeys**

1 or end Nothing is a way of being---
2 **and arrivals** **need not begin or end** **Nothing**

1 and arriving Nothing and silence----- are good
2 **is a way** **of being---** **and arriving**

1 companions--- they coexist---
2 **Nothing and silence-----** **are good companions**

1 comfortably We know that the moment is eternal
2 **they coexist comfortably-----**

1 and eternity is the moment
2 **We know** **that the moment is eternal** **and eternity is**

1 and eternity is the moment----- And we know---
2 **the moment** **And we know---** **that we are always**

1 We know that the moment is eternal and eternity
2 **arriving and departing** **We know**

1 is the moment--- and eternity is the
2 **that the moment is eternal and eternity is the moment**

1 moment--- And we know---
2 **And we know--- that we are always arriving and departing**

1 that we are always arriving arriving and
2 **and that they are one and the same**

1 departing--- they are one and the same-----
2 **in every moment in every moment**

1 in every moment So I told her
2 **So I told her---She'll be here when she arrives**

1 She'll be here
2 **Which is what happened----- She'll be here when she arrives**

1 Which is what happened-----and she sits beside me-----now...
2 **and she sits beside me-----now...**

Fort Bragg, 5/16/07
(from journal entry same day)

WIND

1 The wind is blowing the wind is blowing she told me---The wind is blowing
2

1 she said--- And I said yes The wind
2 **The wind is blowing The wind is blowing**

1 is blowing That's what wind does---
2 **she told me The wind is blowing she said---**

1 It blows and when it stops--- it's no
2 **And I said yes The wind is blowing**

1 longer wind----- Just silent-----still air
2 **That's what wind does It blows---**

1 waiting to become wind again For five days
2 **And when it stops it's no longer wind**

1 maybe more the wind has been blowing
2 **Just silent---still air-----** **waiting**

1 and she has observed it and commented
2 **to become wind again-----** **For five days**

1 on it telling us The wind is blowing
2 **maybe more the wind has been blowing (The wind is blowing)**

1 Look what the wind is doing
2 **and she has observed it-----** **and commented upon it**

1 to the trees to their branches to the leaves
2 **telling us The wind is blowing**

1 (Look what the wind is doing) to the ocean to the grass
2 **Look what the wind is doing to the trees**

1 to the clouds to the fog
2 **to their branches to the leaves to the ocean-----**

1 The wind is gripping and pounding everything
2 **to the grass to the clouds and**

1 in every possible direction
2 **to the fog The wind is gripping and pounding**

1 relentlessly The wind is blowing
2 **everything in every possible direction-----**

1 and she is watching it relentlessly-----
2 **The wind is blowing relentlessly-----**

1 and announcing it relentlessly-----
2 **And she is watching it relentlessly**

1 relentlessly-----The wind has many moods and voices
2 **and announcing it-----relentlessly**

1 even if there is nothing to push but itself
2 **many moods and voices even if there**

1 And when it pushes at something it creates
2 **is nothing to push but itself**

1 other voices and when it pushes it creates
2 **And when it pushes----- and when it pushes**

1 movement movement which is new in each moment
2 **it creates other voices movement which is**

1 never duplicated (The wind is blowing
2 **new in each moment--- never duplicated---**

1 she told me---
2 **(The wind is blowing she told me--- I see movement from my porch**

1 I see movement from my porch in the trees
2 **in the trees complex rhythms alive**

1 complex rhythms---alive---- And I said yes
2 **And I said yes---the wind is blowing**

1 The wind is blowing that's what wind does
2 **that's what wind does it blows**

1 it blows and when it stops---
2 **and when it stops it's no longer wind-----**

1 it's no longer wind) And I hear it from the sea
2 **and when it stops it's no longer wind)-----**

1 the wind speaking and singing
2 **And I hear it from the sea the wind speaking**

1 its unrehearsed melody and singing its unrehearsed melody
2 **and singing its unrehearsed melody**

1 And I hear
2 **-----And I hear the sounds which it carries from the small farms**

1 the sounds which it carries from the small farms
2 **and pastures which surround me**

1 outside a beautiful smile upon her face
2 **inside gazing outside a beautiful smile**

1 Now spreading her arms to the outside
2 **upon her face Now spreading her arms**

1 announcing with tender certainty---
2 **to the outside-----announcing with tender**

1 The wind is blowing See what the wind
2 **certainty----- The wind is blowing**

1 is doing to the trees It's a strong wind
2 **See what the wind is doing---**

1 look how they wave and it's blowing
2 **to the trees It's a strong wind look how**

1 It's blowing she says----- Yes I answer
2 **they wave and it's blowing she says-----**

1 The wind is blowing That's what wind does
2 **Yes I answer The wind is blowing**

1 until it becomes nothing Then the wind is resting---
2 **That's what wind does**

1 or dead----- only to rise again
2 **until it becomes nothing Then the wind is resting**

1 and continue its journey
2 **or dead---only to rise again and continue its journey**

1 to the end-----
2 **to the end...**

**Fort Bragg, 5/07
(from journal entry. 5/22/07)**

CHICKEN-POT PIE (DE-JA-VU)

1 The slightest event fosters the most glorious results---
2 **I'll let Carlyne know**

1 ---The slightest event fosters the most glorious results-----
2 **I said I said**

1 most glorious results Turkey-Pot pie----
2 **I'll let Carlyne know----- I mean**

1 I served her a steaming container The slightest
2 **it wasn't bad Turkey-Pot pie**

1 event glorious results---
2 **she responded She won't take it**
3 The slightest event

1 Turkey-Pot pie I served her
2 **personally---**
3 fosters glorious results-----

1 a steaming container After some time and some
2 **She didn't make it I continued**
3

1 consideration she comments I mean
2 **I mean----- She just**
3 After some time

1 She just shouldn't buy it----- Chicken-Pot pie
2 **shouldn't buy it Chicken-Pot pie-----She just**
3 shouldn't buy it Chicken-Pot pie

1 She just shouldn't buy it----- She won't---
2 **shouldn't buy it She won't take it personally---**
3 She just shouldn't buy it-----

1 take it personally--- take it personally
2 **The slightest event**
3 She didn't--- make it

1 She didn't make it
2 **fosters the most glorious results-----**
3 I continued I mean---

1 I continued-----
2 **The slightest event**
3 I mean I mean she just shouldn't-----she

1 Chicken-Pot pie
2 **Chicken-Pot pie** after some time and some
3 shouldn't buy it---Chicken-Pot pie all the time---

1 after some time--- after some time
2 **consideration** She comments
3 She repeated

1 and consideration She comments that the Turkey-Pot pie left something
2 **that the**
3 I mean---

1 to be desired
2 **Turkey-Pot pie left something to be desired-----**
3 I mean it would be 0. K.---

1 In other words-----
2 **In other words-----** it stunk---
3 but not all the time

1 It stunk (It stunk
2 **I'll let Carlyne know**
3 She continued But why---(but why

1
2 **(I'll let Carlyne know** It stunk
3 She continued but not all the time)---

1 In other words)--- I'll let Carlyne know
2 **In other words)---**
3 Why buy it at all---

1 I said-----
2 **I said** I mean it wasn't bad
3 If you wouldn't buy it every day

1 I mean it wasn't bad
2 **She responded**
3 I continued But you wouldn't want to eat

1 She responded (She responded
2
3 it every day She queried--- (You wouldn't want to

1 I mean it wasn't bad I said-----
2 **She responded**
3 eat it every day I continued

1 The slightest event fosters the most glorious results
2 **The slightest event fosters the most glorious results**
3 The slightest event fosters the most

1 She won't take it personally---
2 **She responded---** **She won't**
3 glorious results-----

1
2 **take it personally** **She didn't**
3 and I saw as clearly as I have ever seen---

1 and I saw as clearly as I have ever seen
2 **make it**
3 that we were not communicating

1 that we were not communicating
2 **I continued** **I mean---**
3 from the same reality

1 from the same reality
2 **that she just shouldn't buy it**
3 for if she doesn't know

1 For if she doesn't know
2 **all the time**
3 the difference between not buying it

1 the difference between
2 **all the time---she repeated** I mean it
3 all the time

1 not buying it all the time
2 **would be O. K.** but not all the time
3 and not buying

1 and not buying it at all
2 **She continued---**
3 it at all in terms of not having

1 in terms of not having Turkey-Pot pie---
2 **I served her a steaming container of**
3 Turkey-Pot pie

1 some of the time
 2 **Turkey-Pot pie** I continued She responded
 3 some of the time

1 in contradiction---then---
 2 I said
 3 then we would be in contradiction most of

1 most of the time-----The slightest event---
 2 She said----- The slightest
 3 the time

1 fosters--- the most glorious results-----
 2 event--- fosters---the most glorious results-----
 3 The slightest the most glorious results-----

1 Turkey-Pot pie-----Turkey-Pot pie..
 2 **Turkey-Pot pie-----Turkey-Pot pie..**
 3 Turkey-Pot pie-----Turkey-Pot pie..

Fort Bragg, 6/5-6/07
(from journal entry, 5/5/07)

MEMORY

1 Memory isn't so important anyway I told her
2 **Memory isn't so important anyway**
3

1 What's past is past
2 **I told her**
3 Memory isn't so important anyway----- I told her

1 The important thing is to be present
2 **What's past is past----- Memory isn't**
3

1 in present time That's all there is---
2 **so important anyway**
3 What's past is past

1 That's all
2 **The important thing is to be present**
3 Memory isn't so important

1 there is I told her-----The important thing
2 **in present time** **I told her**
3 anyway-----I told her

1 is to be present in present time
2 **The important thing is to be present in present time**
3 The important thing is to be present in present time-----

1 That's all there is and it's unreliable---I told her
2 **What's past is past**
3

1 What's past is past
2 **even as it exists** **in present time-----**
3 The existential life

1
2 **Be here now--he said**
3 is the only life Past and future only exist in our 'now'

1 The existential life
2 **here in the moment**
3 and in each 'now' we are born anew

1 She turns to me asking
2 **There is nothing else---** **She turns to me**
3 Memory isn't

1 What are you drinking Toby? to which I responded
2 **asking---**
3 so important anyway---

1 Tea--- to which she responds---
2 **What are you drinking Toby?**
3 I told her

1 That's what
2 **to which I respond** **Tea---**
3 The important thing is to be present

1 I thought
2 **to which she responds** **to which she responds---**
3 in present time

1 But she didn't think it-----
2 **that's what I thought---**
3 What's past is past

1 Didn't even think she thought it
2 **But she didn't**
3 Before and beyond are fantasy

1 but covers for her loss of memory
2 **think it** **memory**
3 memory is not so important

1 didn't even think she thought it
2 **Didn't even think she thought it**
3 didn't even think she thought it-----

1 I know--- because I've said it
2 **but covers for her loss** of memory-----
3 anyway---

1
2 **(I told her the important thing is to be present in present time)---**
3 I told her the important thing is to be present

1 (in present time)
2 **when she seems deep**
3 for present time is the only time

1 I know it--- because I've said it---
2 **in thought---** **She is**
3 That's all there is

1 because I've said it when I didn't
2 **more often** **deep in the loss of thought**
3

1 know it
2 **(Even those of us who seem to be living in the past)**
3 Even those of us who seem to be living in the past

1 know it-----when I didn't know it
2 **searching for remnants-----**
3 brooding or

1 but said I thought it Memory isn't so important
2 **then letting go---Memory isn't so important**
3 celebrating Memory isn't so important

1 anyway-----She turns to me and asks What are you thinking Toby?
2 **anyway She turns to me**
3 anyway

1 to which I reply
2 **and asks----- What are you thinking**
3 -----She turns to me

1 searching for remnants of thought
2 she is more often
3 know it but said I

1 then letting go---
2 deep in the loss of thought letting go---
3 thought it

1 returning to present time-----which has never left her-----
2 returning to present time-----which has never left her-----
3 and returning---returning to present time-----which has never left her-----

1 Memory isn't so important-----anyway..
2 **Memory isn't so important-----anyway..**
3 Memory isn't so important-----anyway..

Fort Bragg, 6/13/07
(from journal entry, 6/12/07)

SHE SITS PEACEFULLY

1 She sits peacefully in her recliner
2 **She sits peacefully** **in her recliner**
3 She sits

1 She sits
2 **She sits peacefully**
3 peacefully in her recliner----- in her recliner---

1 She is disinclined to reclining
2 **in her recliner**
3 She sits peacefully-----

1 She is disinclined Not out of choice but out of memory
2 **to reclining-----**
3 She is disinclined

1 or lack thereof
2 **Not out of choice** **but out of memory**
3 She sits peacefully

1 She is disinclined to reclining---
2 **or lack thereof** **She is**
3 in her recliner

1 She is up
2 **disinclined---** **to reclining**
3 She sits peacefully in her recliner

1 up and down from her reclining---She is up
2 **She is up---**
3 She is disinclined (She is up)

1 She sits peacefully
2 **and down** **in her recliner---**
3 to reclining----- She sits peacefully

1 Mostly wandering to no specific destination
2 **from her reclining**
3 to reclining

1 for no particular reason
2 **Mostly wandering** to no specific
3 Not out of choice

1
2 **destination** (to no specific destination
3 but out of memory----(but out of memory

1 (for no particular reason to no specific
2 **Mostly wandering**
3 not out of choice)

1 destination) And soon she returns
2 **from her reclining)-----** for no particular
3

1 settling in
2 **reason** And soon she returns---
3 or lack thereof she is disinclined

1 gazing about (gazing about
2 **settling in** (settling in
3 to reclining----- (She is

1 settling in)-----
2 **and soon she returns)** She is up and down
3 disinclined)

1 Then reaching for a book or a newspaper
2 **gazing about**
3 from her reclining

1 or the remote
2 **Then reading from a book**
3 Mostly wandering to no specific

1 (She sits peacefully in her recliner
2 **(She sits peacefully in her recliner)**
3 destination--- for no

1 Suddenly rising again to repeat the procedure
 2 **Suddenly**
 3 particular reason---

1 To repeat the procedure--- rising again
 2 **rising again** **To repeat** **the procedure**
 3

1 Suddenly---suddenly Suddenly rising
 2 **rising again---again** **again---**
 3 She sits

1 And all the while gazing in my direction
 2 **rising again**
 3 peacefully in her recliner

1 with a broad smile
 2 **gazing** **in my direction**
 3 She is up and down mostly wandering

1 (She never smiles in small pieces)
2 **with a broad smile**
3 for no particular reason

1 and looking away
2 **(She never smiles in small pieces)**
3 and soon she returns

1 sitting peacefully for the barest of moments-----
2 **for the barest of moments**
3 settling in gazing about for the barest of moments

1 Suddenly--- rising again to repeat the procedure---
2 **Suddenly---** **rising again**
3

1
2 **rising again**
3 She sits peacefully in her recliner She sits peacefully in her recliner

1 gazing in my direction
2 **And all the while**
3 She is disinclined to reclining

1 with a broad smile
2 **rising again**
3 She sits peacefully in her recliner She is

1
2 **for the barest of moments**
3 disinclined to reclining She sits peacefully

1 (She never smiles in small pieces) At times she goes to the
2
3 in her recliner---

1 kitchen for a snack for she has an ongoing appetite
2 **At times** **she goes to the**
3

1 or to ask 'Is there anything I can do
2 **kitchen for a snack** for she
3 At times

1 to help'
2 **has an ongoing appetite** or to ask
3 She goes to the kitchen for a snack

1 for she wants to be a part of our lives
2 **as she always does** 'Is there anything
3

1 for she wants to be
2 **I can do** to help'
3 ---She is up and down mostly wandering

1 a part of our lives Suddenly
2 **for she wants to be a part of our lives---**
3 Suddenly rising again to repeat

1 rising again to repeat the procedure--And all the while gazing in my direction
2
3 the procedure

1 with a broad smile
2 **And all the while** gazing in my direction
3 Suddenly rising

1 (She never smiles in small pieces)
2 with a broad smile
3 again--- to repeat

1 She sits peacefully
2 (She never smiles in small pieces)-----
3 the procedure--- She sits peacefully

1 in her recliner not out of choice
2 **She is disinclined to reclining** She is
3 in her recliner but out of memory

1 'Is there anything I can do to help'
2 **disinclined top reclining-----** she asks
3 'Is there anything I can do to help'

1 for she wants to become a part of our family
2
3 for she wants to become a part of our family-----

1 When she finishes setting our table for two
2 **When she finished setting our table**
3

1 and wait to be served
2 **turn on T.V.---**
3 she will return to her recliner---

1 While she sits peacefully-----in her recliner..
2 **by her favorite daughter While she sits peacefully-----in her recliner..**
3 While she sits peacefully-----in her recliner..

Fort Bragg, 7/07
(from journal entry 7/07)

I WOULD NEVER ASK HER

1 I would never ask her what she was reading
2 **She rises again** tells me she is

1 or what she just finished
2 **going to wash her teeth** and returns so quickly

1 It would be insensitive hurtful
2 **that I believe** that she did wash her teeth----

1 I would never ask her what she was reading
2 **I would never ask her** I would never ask her

1 or what she just finished or what she had just finished
2 **what she was reading** or what she had

1 She rises again tells me that she is going
2 **just finished-----** She rises again

1 to wash her teeth and returns so quickly
2 **tells me that she is going to wash**

1 that I believe she did wash her teeth
2 **her teeth and returns so quickly that I believe**

1 This slowly passing day-----
2 **she did wash her teeth----- slowly passing-----**

3 She wonders when her daughter will return
4 **If she knew she would no longer**

3 from her meeting She knows
4 **remember for she is at that place of reading words**

3 she has a doctor's appointment She rises again
4 **which are devoid of meaning-----**

3 looking out the window She wonders-----
4 **devoid of meaning----- She wonders**

3 when her daughter will return
4 **when her daughter----- from her meeting-----**

3 She knows----- She rises again
4 **She knows she has a doctor's appointment-----**

3 looking out the window If she knew-----
4 **She rises again looking out the window----- If she knew**

3 she would no longer remember the place of
4 **she would for she is at the place**

3 reading words devoid of meaning-----
4 **words which are devoid of meaning-----**

1 She is reading from habit rather
2 **She rises again---**
3 She is reading
4 **She rises**

1 than for substance and she is reading
2 **looking out the window**
3 from habit
4 **again---**

1
2 **very concerned**
3 from habit rather than for substance
4 **looking out the window**

1 because there is little else
2 **about her doctor's appointment**
3 and she is reading
4

1 she is able to do
2
3 because there is little else she is able to do
4 **very concerned**

1 -----She is simply waiting for it to happen
 2 **(She is simply waiting for it to happen)-----**
 3 -----She is simply waiting for it to happen
 4 **(She is simply waiting for it to happen)-----**

1 (Time is the element of her life) Time alone-----
 2 **Time is the element of her life-----Time alone**
 3 (Time is the element of her life) Time alone-----
 4 **Time is the element of her life-----Time alone**

1 She sits and she rises She shuffles and she returns---
 2 **She sits and she rises**

1 There is no particular destination Her mind
 2 **She shuffles and she returns---**

1 is cloudy Her daughter is the only pleasure
 2 **There is no particular destination Her daughter is the**

1 she knows waiting-----
 2 **only pleasure she knows and she is waiting----- for her to return**

3 A large clock sits on the shelf by her chair
4 **A large clock sits on the shelf**

3 She must look at it several hundred times a day
4 **by her chair she must look at it**

3 announcing the time for our benefit
4 **several hundred times a day announcing---**

1 Her daughter is the only pleasure she knows
2 **Her daughter has not yet arrived**
3
4

1 Sleep releases her
2 **She is pacing the floor---**
3 Her daughter is the only pleasure
4 **Her daughter**

1 She tells me again from boredom
2 the time----
3 she knows
4 has not yet arrived-----

1 Often unaware
2 asks me again
3 Sleep releases her
4 She is pacing the floor---

1 of what is happening
2
3 from boredom Often unaware
4 tells me again the time

1 But when the wind blows-----
2 the time of her appointment-----
3 the wind blows----
4

1 or the sun shines----- or the cats sleep-----
2
3 the sun shines----- the cats sleep
4

1 or move about
2 and comments
3 she notices the time of her appointment-----
4

1
2 Carolyn tells me
3
4 Carolyn tells me she has always been a worrier but not

1
2 she has always been a worrier but not to this extent
3
4 to this extent and in this way

1 all understood-----She is becoming
2 **and in this way----all understood**
3 all understood-----
4 **Yet it is all understood all understood**

1 more silent-----
2 **It could not be otherwise-----**
3
4 **It could not be otherwise-----**

1 less interested and her naps
2 **She knows**
3 She is becoming more silent-----
4

1 are longer more frequent
2 **and knows that we know**
3 less interested
4 **and knows**

1 She seems
2 **a tacit understanding**
3 and her naps are longer----
4 **that we know**

1 to be waiting for what is getting closer
2 **of where she is going**
3 more frequent
4

1 for that which is closer
2 **and where she has gone-----a tacit understanding-----**
3 for that which is closer
4 **a tacit understanding-----**

1 nearly arrived-----and when she has gone..
2 **-----of where we are going-----nearly arrived-----and when she has gone..**
3 nearly arrived-----and when she has gone..
4 **-----of where we are going-----nearly arrived-----and when she has gone..**

Fort Bragg, 7/26-27/07
(from two journal entries, 7/26/07)

SHE CAN'T FORGET

1 She can't forget what she remembers
2 **and she can't remember what she forgets---**
3

1 what she forgets She can't remember
2 **she remembers----- She can't forget-----**
3

1 Remember she can't what she forgets-----
2 **she can't forget She remembers what**
3

1 In any and in every moment So slow
2 **In any moment and in every**
3 She can't-----

1 So slow and so sudden--- and so sudden-----
2 **moment So slow**
3 She can't forget-----

1 and so sudden----- There is no difference
2 **So slow**
3 what she remembers I would presume

1 We are here for a reason
2 -----no difference--- **We are here**
3 with those suffering

1 or for no reason or for no
2 **for a reason** **for a reason**
3 from the affliction-----

1 reason We are here for a reason-----What she
2 **We are here for a reason**
3 with those suffering

1 forgets she can't remember
2 **she remembers** **she can't forget-----**
3 Memory and loss

1 Memory and loss-----
2 **Memory and loss of memory**
3 of memory are intimately connected

1 of memory-----
2 **are intimately connected and is**
3 and is a blessing and a curse

1 and are intimately connected and is a blessing
2 **a blessing**
3 as I see it

1 and a curse-----You can't have one
2 **and a curse----** without the other
3 as I see it

1 the other-----It may not be so at certain stages
2 **the other It may not be so---**
3 the other We are here

1 but in the fullness of time one becomes
2 **at certain stages**
3 for a reason or for

1 becomes part of the other
2 **but in the fullness of time**
3 no reason at all There is

1 increasingly so
2 **one becomes part of the other-----**
3 no difference----- So often

1 increasingly so What one is able to forget
2 **one becomes part of the other**
3 spoken

1 may be a blessing
2 **increasingly so---** What one is unable to forget
3 So often spoken

1 or a curse----- or a curse-----
2 **a blessing** **may be**
3 The incomprehensible riddle

1 although the word 'unable' suggests obsession
2 **a blessing** **or a curse**
3 of time

1 (She can't forget what she remembers---
2 **(She can't forget what she remembers**
3 They are both the same

1 (and she can't remember what she forgets)-----
2 **and she can't remember what she forgets)**
3

1 They are both the same which is curse
2 **They are both the same-----A curious juxtaposition** **but an**
3 They are both the same

1 can be obsessive
2 **It may not be so**
3 Not a degree of separation There is no

1 She can't forget what she remembers
2 **She can't forget what she remembers-----and she can't remember**
3 difference-----She can't forget what she remembers

1 what she forgets-----
2 **What one forgets and is unable to recover can be a curse**
3 what she forgets-----

1 but as well it can be a blessing----- if the memory
2
3 So slow and so sudden

1 is useless or painful She can't forget
2 **What one wishes to remember**
3 So often spoken

- 1 If only she could remember-----what she can't forget-----can't forget...
- 2 If only she could remember-----what she can't forget-----can't forget...**
- 3 If only she could remember-----what she can't forget-----can't forget...

Fort Bragg, 8/2/07
(from journal entries, 7/30-31/07)

OF DEATH

1 One need not worry of death when one has died
 2 **One need not worry**
 3 One need

1 unless one has not
 2 **One need not worry-----**
 3 not worry----- One need not worry

1 in one way and has in another
 2 **of death when one has died**
 3 of death-----

1 One need not worry and I'm sure this is understood
 2 **One need not worry unless one has not**
 3 One need not worry

1 One need not worry of death when one has died
 2 **One need not worry of death**
 3 when one has died-----

1 and one need not worry of death One need
2 **and one need not worry of death-----**
3 I may never know

1 not even be aware of death
2 **One need not even be aware-----**
3 I say----- I say

1 and for that person death
2 **of death**
3 but I know some things are transparent---

1 does not exist it simply continues
2 **and for that person**
3 Seen into and beyond

1 it simply continues
2 **death does not exist-----does not exist**
3 Seen into and beyond

1 and passage between is quicker and there
2 **and there is the**
3 blunted by intention-----

1 is the moment of death----- Things
2 **moment of death** I may
3 Things I may never know--- never know

1 and more sudden and more sudden
2 **and passage between is quicker**
3 but I know myself

1 than time----- for time does not exist
2 **and more sudden**
3 At one time I was opaque

1 -----does not exist within it
2 **for time does not exist---**
3 Now I am transparent

1 and one need not even be aware of death----
2 **within it**
3 at least most of me-----

1 Is there a better way
2 **Is there a better way** and one need not even be aware
3 Is there a better way-----Is there of knowing

1 of death--- She can't forget what she remembers
2 **of death---**
3 one's self I know not

1 and she can't remember what she forgets
2 **She can't forget** what she remembers
3

1 One need not worry
2 **and she can't remember-----** what she forgets
3 I may never know

1 of death when one has died unless one
2 **One need not worry of death when one has died**
3 One need not worry

1 has not--- in one way and has
2 **unless one has not**
3 of death when one has died

1 in another in another---
2 **in one way and has in another**
3 in one way and has in another---

1 And I'm sure this is understood this is understood-----
2 **And I'm sure this is understood-----and I'm sure**
3 And I'm sure this is understood this is understood-----

1 There is only that flash of 'now'-----
2 **that flash of 'now'-----**
3 of 'now'-----

1 Now as never before known and as old
2
3 Lost in the ease of comprehension

1 as eternity
2 **Now as never before known-----**
3 Some things can never be known-----

1 She is there She is there
2 **and as old as eternity**
3 seen into and beyond-----

1 as certainly as I am here
2 **and as old as eternity** **She is there**
3 seen into and beyond

1 to know it
2 **She is there**
3 One need not even be aware of death----- One need not

SHE SAID IT AGAIN

1 'You said it again' I said and she said it again
2 'You said it again' I said

1 Every night she says it at least six times and she
2 'You said it again'-----at least six times and she

1 said it again I told her she said it
2 **said it again-----Every night she says it at least**

1 Every night Maybe not a nice thing to say
2 **six times and she said it again----- Maybe**

1 and she said it again again but I said it
2 **not a nice thing to say and she said it again----- again-----**

1 and I'm sorry I'll say it again
2 **Maybe not a nice thing to say but I said it---**

1 You said it again 'Don't give me very much
 2 **and I'm sorry** **I'll say it again-----**

1 ---just a little for me' 'I'm not hungry'
 2 **'Don't give me very much** **'Just a little**

1 Then she says 'I don't want anything'---
 2 **for me'---** **'I'm not hungry'** **Then she says**

1 and I know what she means and she says
 2 **'I don't want anything'** **and I know what**

1 'Don't give me very much'--- and I say-----and I say
 2 **she means** **and she says**

1 and I say 'I know You tell
 2 **and she says** **'Don't give me very much** **and she says**

1 it to me every night' You said it again (and I
 2 **'Don't give me very much---You said it again**

1 heard her again---this sweet soul) asking her if she
2 (and I heard her again

1 would care for some tea maybe almond 'I've never
2 this sweet soul) asking her

1 tried that' she replied
2 if she would care for some tea maybe almond-----

1 'I've given it to you many times before' her sweet face
2 'I've given it to you many times before'

1 looking strangely into mine and I've hurt her again---Then she
2 her sweet face looking strangely into mine and I've hurt her again

1 says 'I don't want anything' and I know what she means
2 Then she says 'I don't

1 and she says 'Don't give me very much'
2 want anything' and I know what she means

1 and I say-----and I say and I say
2 **and she says** and she says **'Don't give me**

1 'I know' 'You tell it to me every night'
2 **very much'** and I say **'I know'-----**

1 And she gets that sad lost look on her face
2 **'You tell it to me every night'**

1 and I realize and I realize
2 **that sad lost look----- that sad lost look-----**

1 I may have hurt her again I may have hurt her again
2 **and I realize and I realize**

1 Because I know she is sometimes aware of her
2 **hurt her again because I know**

1 complete loss of memory-----
2 **she is sometimes aware of her complete loss---**

1 and at other times fortunately there are times
2 of memory at other times

1 when she has forgotten--- that she
2 fortunately at other times there are times

1 has forgotten that she has forgotten-----
2 when she has forgotten that she has

1 (and I say and I say)-----
2 forgotten----- (and she says and she says)-----

1 and she would say it again-----again----- and I---
2 and she would say it again again and I would tell her

1 'You said it again'--- 'I know'---
2 'You said it again----- 'I know' she says-----

1 she says-----and she says it again...
2 and she says it again...
Fort Bragg, 8/8/07 (from journal entry, 8/8/07)

CONCLUSIONS

1 I'll end it here though it's not over She is still with us
2 **I'll end it here---**

1 Hanging on----- I'll end it here though it's
2 **though it's not over Hanging on----- I'll end it**

1 not over Have I been unkind It's not over
2 **here though it's not over----- Have I---**

1 I'll end it here watching
2 **but I'll end it here----- watching her vulnerable self**

1 her vulnerable self struggling---
2 **---struggling with a fading life moments**

1 with her fading life-----
2 **of confusion from uneasy questions**
3 I'll end it here

1 with her fading life moments of confusion from uneasy
2 **moments of**
3 though it's not over---

1 questions She is still with us
2 **confusion from uneasy questions----- hanging on-----**
3 She is still with us

1 She is a member of our family beloved mother
2 **She is a member of our family**
3

1 of beloved wife of me----- and that should
2 **beloved mother**
3 I'll end it here

1 be enough
2 **of beloved wife of me and that should be enough**
3 though it's not over

1 She asked to be taken from life
2 **She asked to be taken---**
3 She is still with us

1 But since she has been with us
2 **from life but since**
3 hanging on Have I been

1 one year life has
2 **She has been with us**
3 unkind watching her vulnerable self

1 been kinder--- and she speaks not from desire
2 **Life has been kinder and she speaks**
3

1 to be taken from life---
2 **not from desire**
3 though it is not over I'll end it here

1 but from understanding
2 **to be taken from life**
3 though it's not over she is still

1 that her time is not far off-----
2 **but from understanding**
3 with us **Hanging on----**

1 -----I'll end it here-----I could say the same
2 **-----I'll end it here** that her time is not far off
3 -----I'll end it here

1 but beside her I feel immortal-----
2 **I could say the same**
3 Have I been unkind-----

1 This collection
2 **but beside her I feel; immortal---**
3 watching her vulnerable self

1 will not wait for her demise but will end here
2 **This collection will not wait**
3

1 from where this good loyal and caring soul will struggle on
2
3 though it's not over

1 She has
2 **This collection will not wait**
3 I'll end it here She is still with us---

1 been an expert teacher passing through
2 **for her to leave us**
3 hanging on

1 bitter trials with dignity and humor
2 **but will end here** **from where this good**
3

1 Now is the time
2 **loyal and caring soul will struggle on-----Now is the time so Ill end it here**
3 Now is the time

1 though it's not over She is still with us
2 **She is still with us-----**
3 though it's not over-----She is still with us

1 Hanging on-----Hanging on...
2 **Hanging on-----Hanging on...**
3 Hanging on-----Hanging on...

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