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*BEAUTY UNFADED*

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*the stench of sleep  
lingers on her breath  
unnoticed*

*her sleep-tossed graying hair  
does not matter  
in his eyes  
she has everlasting beauty*

*it was her beauty that drew her to him  
his love grew roots into that beauty  
a romance grew from its sprouts  
expecting a lifetime  
of closeness and intimacy*

*now that beauty has faded away*

*he commands a new post  
always on alert  
in the morning rises from a sleepless night  
his tired body moves into action  
a routine he knows well  
willing to alter if she becomes confused*

*he assists, comforts, holds, soothes her  
what she was able to do  
he now does for her  
he chokes away his fears  
replacing those with a smile  
he aims to please her  
though never confident that he does*

*she is his and he is hers  
at least he hopes it is so*

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