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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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