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She came to bathe me. can you imagine? How does one go about that? The Depend is removed. I sat on the safety seat We will have to remove your top

Really? Could we just leave it on?

It is a covering.

Completely vulnerable.

Thankfully the faucet needed attending. I quickly removed it and wrapped myself with myself. She prepared the water, the cloth Gently she started washing my back Then one arm

Leaving the other for my covering

Some covering I thought One leg, then the other She let me do what is private Shampooed my hair

Then, like a mother, she took a cloth and wiped the water from my face Seemed like an unnecessary step at the time

Covered me with a towel as she began drying

Combed my hair, another unnecessary step

For I was headed to bed Dressed me

Tenderly tucked me into bed Hooked up the oxygen

Lingered asking if there was anything else needed

What could be needed?

She ignored my frailties, my ugliness Said I was beautiful when I apologized for my appearance She did not shame me

> She gave me the gift of dignity. She is a Mother of Mercy.

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