Elders' Gradient

Easy Retirement, Permanent Time-Out

Economically Comfortable, 1%ers Foreclose the Middle Class

Hopeful Health,
Panoply of Prescriptions and Prosthetics

Long-Time Loving Spouse, Fear a Lonely Life of Loss

> Wonderful Home, Silent Bedrooms

Successful Children, Sometimes Visits

Many Good Friends, Here a Pacemaker, There a Walker

Mentally Alert, Mini-Strokes Invite Serial Downgrades

Mostly Mobile, Slow Motion, Disc-Jointed Shuffle

Medical "Miracle" Reprieves, Post EMT and ICU Visits

> Fully Vaccinated, Masked Isolation

Complete Freedom
To Wait
IT
Out.

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