

# Elderhood

Drifting Beyond Retirement  
Where Make-It-Through the Days  
Stretches Across ICU Punctuated Years,  
Many Elders Roam Among Blanketed Armchairs  
Consuming an Internet Saturated Half Life  
In a Tomorrow Borrowed Time Zone.

Trying to Sustain a Modicum of Financial Security  
While Suffering Gobbling Inflation and Dribbling CDs  
As Loophole Lawyers Assist Bloated 1%ers Achieve Tax Avoidance,  
Barely Solvent Elders Must Rest Their Dime Diving Oars  
On Now More Than Less Social Security and Medicare Benefits  
While PAC Endowed Politicians Give Mega Yacht Billionaires Tax Relief.

Celebrating Independence in Senior Community Isolation  
Where Double Replaced Knees Resist Recovery  
While Wheeled Walkers Dance to the Tune of Manic Opiates,  
Slow Motion Elders With Hearing Aids Maxed Out  
Dig Doggedly to Locate Expired Drivers Licenses  
As the Assisted Living Van Approaches Their Polling Station.

With Bi-pap Tubes Wrestling Through Masked Nights  
As "What...What...?" Almost Conversations Fill the Days  
Waiting for a Pacemaker Eligible MRI Appointment,  
Unsteady Elders Shrink Within Squashed Spines  
Bending Over to Terminally Review the Ground  
As They Shuffle from One Step To the Next.

While Down Sizing to Achieve Apartment Grade Living  
With Culled Belongings Erasing Their Enriched Past  
Revealing a Mere Sketch of Their Previous Being,  
Sidelined Elders Evaporate Into Near Invisibility  
Finally Fumbling with Out of Bounds Words and Names  
Progressing Mindlessly Into an Ever Repeating Present.

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