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Aging

I am born, new born every day I have found a way To live, to give, to forgive Not to let bitterness become The crest I wear upon this aged face For I have learned to slow my pace With time passions and desires Have been tempered by disappointment And sorrows. Yet I have always held hope for tomorrow A new day, a new way to see Those that have caused me sorrow Has been about them not me With age, wisdom and understanding has come Death may come soon Sooner than I expect Yet, I am ready to embrace That unknown face To go on that journey of no return To rest, to sleep, Whilst my son and daughter The vigil keep, until they too are gone And we are once more integrated into the sun!

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