

Our Last Days

I will go when I am ready
I will know when this must be
Go where you may ask
You know, no I don't
The place from where
I won't return.
Oh, I'm shocked
And don't want to hear
You've caught me unawares
Not so soon I hope
There are words I want to say
And questions only you have answers for
Memories of your life
To fill the gaps in mine
I haven't often told you
That I love you dearest one
Come sit beside me here
And let me smooth your hair

I'm not afraid of dying
But frightened of the way
I don't believe in heaven
Or the vengeful wrath of god
But a peaceful sleep
Free of earthly woes of paying bills
Saying the wrong thing
And the constant pushing of
Shiite up a hill
The fall into ill health
The lying in bed
The hospital stays
And the drugs to keep well
Giving up my dignity and
All those bad smells
As the body expels
It's lingering breath.

I'll choose the time and place
And send an invitation
To those I want there
We'll have a lovely party
The caterer's are booked
I'll dress for the occasion
That silken number
I wore for Charmiane's wedding
It fits me once again
Champagne for a toast, a speech

We'll say our last farewells
The tears will fall
I'll hug you tightly to me
I want you all around
And seated on the bed
Could someone hold my hand?
And my darling stroke my head
My lips will greet the fatal dose
The swallow hard to bear
A chaser of malt whiskey
And I'm almost there.

But dawdle my love
I want you one more time
Our bodies old and frail
We'll lie together
And explore
The face, the mouth
The valley of your shoulder
Where I've buried
Stories as the years have flown past
The quiet and the silence
So sweet to enjoy.
I might go with you
I don't think I can go on
The house without your whispers
The stillness of the air
So set the date my dearest
I'll choose what I will wear
Shall we have the lamb tenderloin?
For a sit down affair
Give your hand here my girl
And lie close to my heart
The days to be treasured
Until we finally depart.

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