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Leaving

Your forehead cold and sweaty
your breath fast and short
your eyes dimming
your words faint

but inside...

stronger and steadier than ever
and more than all of us who gather
around your bed this your last day

We can cry and laugh for you
the memories in our hearts
of the wisdom and joy
that you like pearls let out

like pearls to cherish
as you faint away.

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