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This is really a place for wrinkled children
in old diapers
growing gaunt, not up
the name should be in the verb infinitive
since it is a waiting “to”
Why there are young attendants here
must be for further punishment to all,
the ones in bed look upon what they’ve lost
and the others to what they’ll receive

After all day waiting, two friends,
one 95, the other 98, turned to each other
and waved, which has become “goodnight”
since their voices gave out

Some night
how will the young nurse
comfort 95’s crying
when she does not know
that the other man asleep has not yet waved