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## To Rest Home

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“TO”REST HOME

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