

MIND TO MIND

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What If?

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What if I learn that I'll die
sooner
rather than later?
Will my trepidation be greater?
Will I find
peace
before I lose my mind?

Will my days be spent
in a wheelchair,
bent over,
scratching at my painted nails
like my mother,
knowing vaguely
that red is not my color
and never was?

I could fill a piece of paper
with names that I want to remember
but won't.

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With codes and passwords
that are supposed to protect me
but don't.

With words that I can no longer spell
and stories I can no longer tell.

But why try to remember at all?
Just hang me on your wall.

Like a painting at auction
I am going, going, gone.