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## **It Happens Like This**

When the Alzheimer's patient remembers,  
he savors reason.

When he doesn't remember,  
his dreams are lost  
as they fall behind a curtain, and  
his mind is a snake  
that twists yesterday into a mumble,  
tomorrow into a cough,  
today into lost,  
and the moment into the only  
thing that exists.

That's when he becomes  
a hawk, circling while the snake  
zigzags inside his mind,  
terror flogging its frenzy,  
and he's caught in a terminal  
whirling, watching, swinging,  
as his mind moves in circles that,  
against his bidding, turn into squares

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