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He beholds a lady in pure white lace.
 He remembers a lost loved one
Whose absence is a well-lit, empty space.

He loves one who had the presence to grace
 The stage of life in the bright sun.
He beholds a lady in pure white lace.

He recalls the comfort of their embrace.
 He can't find that special someone
Whose absence is a well-lit, empty space.

With age, nothingness begins to replace
 New recordings and old reruns.
He beholds a lady in pure white lace.

Clouds of dementia gather to erase
 His fondest memories, bar none.
Whose absence is a well-lit, empty space?

He opens his memoirs at the marked place
 Where all battles could still be won.
He beholds a lady in pure white lace
Whose absence is a well-lit, empty space.