Quiet conversations

Migraine, stroke, and dementia

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Alone with a captor

If you move, it will cut you.
If you cry, they won't believe you.
You are not welcome in this place.
This forbidden earth,
where sun and sound guard the gates.

Alone with a machine

Rocking by the bed
The demon hums

A white tight
Tug of tongues

One hand flaccid
The other numb

Twisted ties
Tubing crossed

Unheard thoughts
While the demon rocks

Alone with a shell

Beneath her eyelids
Shadows crawl like basement mold
The caves of old age

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