A Consideration for Our Daily Work

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Workup is benign.
Parents breathe. Baby kicks, coos.
A febrile seizure.

With time, across space,
A young mother is stricken.
Demyelination.

Slow, humbled, genteel.
An old athlete stoops, deprived
Substantia nigra.

Right? Left? Which is which?
Grandpop searches his hands, sans
Angular gyrus.

“Sue, it’s Jim… it’s me.”
Eyes meet briefly in love past
Plaques and tau tangles.

In analyzing
May we all ever see the
Human before us.

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