

# White Fluorescent Light

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Enveloped by white fluorescent light  
And numbed by the hum of motor and machine  
Vision tunnels  
And fatigue masquerading as tranquility  
Soothes the soul

And in the midst of birth and life  
And death and dying  
Football  
And the screams of Hollywood  
Take leave of the old and welcome the new

The smells of sterility  
And stool  
And plastic  
And flesh  
Identify the familiar place of sickness and healing

There are tears and moans  
Shouts and silence  
Demandings and denials  
Requests and refusals  
Suspicion and faith

And those lying prone  
Unable or unwilling or undone  
And those who are moving  
Tired or concerned or uncertain or blind  
Churn in this scrum of humanity

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