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Planning Ahead

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Curtains for me—pale yellow, no, light blue—,
couches where I can sit with company,
bright pillows, open windows, and a few
blankets against a chill, placed casually.
We'll have good music: Mozart, Mendelsohn,
all kinds of jazz—"At Last" and "In the Mood"—
and dancing—Elvis, Michael, Ellington.
Great poetry to read aloud, and food:
chocolate, lovely, dark and deep; and sushi;
across the room, a bar. I must remember
peaches (note to self—to have them juicy,
it's best for this to happen in September).
But there's the rub: I've planned out how to die—
I haven't planned (so far) the when and why.

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