

Betty

The neighbour saw the old lady when she put out her bin

She had been there a long time but kept to her self

Her house was falling apart and he wondered its worth

Perhaps he could help his son buy it at a bargain price

Surely, she couldn't last all that much longer

The GP saw the old lady when he visited each month

They had grown old together while she ignored his advice

Each day was getting harder and her health was not good

He didn't know how to tell her he'd soon be retiring

Surely, she couldn't last all that much longer

The paramedic saw the old lady lying on the ground after a fall

She didn't want to go to hospital but he told her no choice

She had never been before, her babies born early and dead

No broken bones so back home she went, determined to soldier on

Surely, she couldn't last all that much longer

The nurse saw the old lady leaning against her front door

She saw years of struggle and pain in the lines on her face

She saw her fierce spirit clinging to an independent life

Then she went in and listened as Betty talked of her hope that

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