

Poetry

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When I say
Thank you for caring for me today,
I am not merely thanking you for just doing your job,
The job for which you trained
Through countless books, coffee breaks, and examinations

I mean thank you for caring for me
As if I were your grandfather,
Frail in the bleak of winter,
When all of my neighbors have migrated south
To soak in the warmth of the Atlantic Ocean,
And I am left alone, wondering how I could
Motivate my grandchildren to come visit,
While being paralyzed due to a cold
That seeps into my bones

So when I say that I am thankful for your care,
I mean that I appreciate that you remember
That Carnival is my favorite holiday,
And that you recommend books for me to read
Based on my fascination with magic realism

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