

# Poets

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## Rosebud

A dying man is apt  
to be ambiguous,  
to recall an odd, unsatisfying  
detail that he may then  
utter mysteriously  
as prelude, a trailer  
for the soul.

He shatters a snow  
globe because he can—  
the dying are entitled,  
after all, to release  
little blizzards from their  
swirling sentence—

and he expects  
the afterlife to privilege  
that clean tint of white  
particular to his  
industrious nurse's  
simple smock.