

## **SILENT GOODBYE**

Translucent skin stretched on bone.  
Veins gently snaking, faintly pulsing  
With each laboured breath in-taken.  
I tattoo every detail as I watch you  
My father, making a silent goodbye.  
You have loved, been loved, are love  
I have grown in the light of your pride.  
Stumbling, my arms outstretched  
Caught me, pushed me, encouraged.  
With love, I will you to leave behind.

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