

Testing Patience on Patients

Testing patience on patients has lost its edge
no longer do they feel the pain of it all
the elderly and the ill just linger in wait
for the impending hands of death.

The off-white walls reflect the off faces
hoping for a cure
the chairs can no longer support
those with sullen faces.

Hygiene and personal care faded away
matted hair and five day worn underwear,
sweat patches become the norm
dirt hides in wrinkles and spots.

Feeling long gone for life
illness sapped bodies
sit in wait for an extension
to tolerate another day.

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