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*DEATH*

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*The dock  
leads into encompassing fog  
folding me in its cloak of unknown  
into what lies beyond its end*

*slowly I am edging my way*

*when I fall  
will I find the waters  
warm  
paralyzingly cold  
swift current  
calm*

*it matters not  
take me out to the sea*

**NOTE:** Janice—my beloved sister and the author of these poems—passed away on the 28th of May, 2019. I loved her for the whole of her life. Although she is no-longer with us, I will love her forever.

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