

POETRY

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Life's Relay

Today, the fourth of June, 2021
A month has passed since you moved on
Beginning a new journey
Closing an old one?
Carrying its imprint on your soul,
Moving on
Memories and memorable experiences
The baton passed on to the next generation
Who will take the path charted by you?
Progeny, Destiny?
What does it have in stock?
Neither I nor you could guess
With you around, for a while,
I needed your walker
Stick, wheel chair. Now
I am taking your leftover medicines
Using some, giving away some.
Somewhere you are watching
An ageing child
Follow your steps
Like she did as a toddler
The relay of life goes on.

BIO- NOTE

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