

Photograph

So it comes to this that
one day you will wake
& you will no longer be young
age will have bitten your throat
will puff like a pigeon's
in your passport photograph

leading to a closer examination
the acquisition of a crepe
like tissue in the crook
of your arm will become apparent
it will be clear that
 the morning ache

cannot be attributed to a virus
this time the flutter in the eyelid
is not a reminder of an excellent
night about town rather that vanity
persuaded you to abandon
your glasses when you needed

them most you would think
it was enough to undo you
like knitting dropped
off the needles an irretrievable loss
but its a long yarn if you keep hold-
ing onto the end & picking up here
 & there

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