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## TO MY DAUGHTER

I laid there unresponsive;  
I knew that you were there.  
I felt your touch upon my hand,  
Your breath upon my hair.

I tried to reach and touch you,  
But my body wouldn't move.  
I looked upon your troubled face,  
So worn, so tired, so smooth.

A tear rolled from the corner  
Of my eyes that once could see.  
I felt its warmth upon my face  
As it fell upon my sheet.

I felt my body withering  
With every passing hour.  
My skin turned different colors,  
and my breath became more shallow.

It's time for me to go now,  
I really have to leave,  
But I'll always be beside you  
'Cause I know that you will grieve.

Don't say that you will miss me.  
I'll always hold you hand  
Wherever you go, I'll go  
Like grains within the sand.

Think of all the memories  
Where we laughed and sometimes cried,  
And let the good ones linger  
'Cause I never really died.

— *Valerie Archer*