

MIND TO MIND

*Creative writing that explores the abstract side
of our profession and our lives*

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H Her nameplate ajar on the maple tree
Lone tire tracks fade into the snow
Up the long drive
To the empty house
On top of the knoll
For Sale sign at the road

It has been 2 years now

She is a spitfire
A spunky 92 year-old beauty
Becomes frail, weak
Colonoscopy is done
Large ulcerating mass

Daughter sheds a quiet tear
She takes her daughter's hand
Smiles-full of memories and love
"Let's go home now, dear."
"Let's go home."

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