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Bring your thoughts
Down from the stars
And up from the depths
Of the oceans where they
Have been playing
to the present
With its realities.
Hope not to grasp tomorrow
For it defies you
Then tempts you
As it passes beyond
Into a world that
You can never enter.
Tomorrow is only
The beginning of a
Time that is forever
Past and cannot today
Be captured.
Realize that childhood
fantasies
Can never be.
When there
Finally is a today
There will never again
Be a tomorrow

i watched an old man die today
no doctor
no ambulance
no priest
no real death
just the terribly slow surrender
of one precious moment of life

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