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Seven plump toes  
Looked like you were wearing  
Baseball mitts  
Polydactylism  
Supposed to bring good luck

Plastic fishing box  
Salmon, Haddock, Tuna  
All your favorites,  
Pink towel lining the bottom,  
You rest inside

Wake up,  
Come back,  
I love you,  
O please someone take off the plastic cover  
She can't breathe

It's too late,  
Cancer conquered  
Your entire, loved body  
Think it was a  
Brain tumor

Did you know that?  
Did you know death was  
Capturing you when  
You couldn't meow or purr  
Anymore?

Did you know that when  
Catnip no longer appealed to you,  
Birds were no longer  
Your hobby,  
Days with your family were almost over

Were you confused?  
You were transforming  
Into an Angel  
You will never hurt again  
The way you did, all three days before your death

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