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we wander 'round the room
a personal battlefield
stalking the monster machines
who laugh at our pain
which is dark
as mortal sin,
though we are not guilty
of any crimes,
only victims of
precarious falls
accidents
surgery
arthritis
or 'other.'

slowly we move like
stringed puppets
in restless rhythms
of rehabilitation
reps
range of motion
strengthening exercises
a therapist's firm hands.

we are the broken,
the hurt
willing ourselves
stretching ourselves
back together
with bruised smiles
and tender dreams
of being whole again.