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On his back struggling like a Ladybug, yet he will stay on his crooked back for awhile--unable to regain control over the involuntary motions of life.

I realize that the roles are going to be reversed--he will be learning how to walk for the second time, but it will be the first for me. I've begun to doubt my Father's immortality.

The weak smile of his suffering--The masquerade he paints for me. Our glassy green eyes meet--both awakening.

I breathe in deep, holding his limp hands as he aches. I sit and he humbly lays his heavy head back and surrenders to his morphine dreams.

-Katy D'Arduini