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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