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## Finally

By Michelle Lyman

Finally, MY time.  
The long-awaited elective that's been so elusive  
Over these last three years.  
I will follow my heart  
All the way to Hospice  
Where I will spend my days with passing patients.  
While I watch my own family member  
Evaporate from this world,  
Five hundred miles away,  
Over Zoom.

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