

Balance
Third Place Poetry 2007

The blue of the surgical cap
Contrasted against the white
Of her thinning hair

In the intricate twist
She had created
On the top of her head

Wobbling precariously
As she spoke
Animated in her recollections

Of her 80-plus years
Hands wrinkled from hard work
Still her eyes are bright with joy

Lying in her hospital bed
Surrounded by family
A respected matriarch

Even now with a broken hip
She somehow manages
To stay balanced

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