

My Deathbed

I'll die in this bed
if my life ends as I hope,
a calm, peaceful death

days are not numbered,
circumstances not yet known,
corners not yet turned

my legacy's cast,
books* known to all I have loved,
read by all who care

when pain exceeds joy,
may no law trespass this right:
my death is my choice

with life-partner's pact,
we may take this road as one,
love shared to its end

* Memoir, *A Life Mostly Lived*, and other volumes



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