

## Memory

I can't remember,  
or do I no longer know?  
—effect is the same

the name of a friend,  
a movie I'm told I saw,  
our lunch date today

I once could recall  
such things with little effort  
by my younger brain

memory's decline's  
creeping in on cat paws to  
the room where I live

in worried silence  
I sense her presence near me  
—do I hear her purr?



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