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Time wanes and time wanes
 Should I run away and escape this pain?
 Should I have another shot? Do I dare to kiss a leech?
 Do I suffocate my ears and hush your fuzzy speech?
 I have heard your silent sobs when lips brushed each to each.
 I do not think that you are sobbing for me.
 To look at life through a camera's lens
 Unawares, though this saga transcends,
 I never knew what you meant by "friends."
 We have lingered in the chambers of this abysmal pool
 Withstanding a universe too seemingly cruel
 Till standard time wakes us from the lives we've misruled.

Brigid Duffy