

Those Dying Words
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I wonder what they said

There on their bed

At the end-

What did they say?

Did they repent? Regret?

Did they holler

Did they weep?

What did they say?

What is an apology? A eulogy?

Did they try to be clever?

I wonder what they said.

Was it kind, or mean, or non-sense?

Was it frightening, or dreamy, or horse feathers?

What did they say?

Was it a choice? a yelp? a hot sorrow? a plunge?

I don't know- I can't - maybe some I know some famous ones, sure, but even then

How was it said? was it sincere? was it full of acrid sarcasm?

And when I go?

Then what?

What will I say?

What have I said?

I wonder what they'll say I said-

I wonder-

I do-