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Your eyes were closed
Blood leaked out of your nose
Your mouth was slightly open
I heard that in that final second your body is at ease
Whether it is heaven opening the gate or your mind letting go
I hope it is true
That way I will know that you didn't try to reach the surface
Until that last moment of life

Angels greeting you with warmth and smiles
God's light filling you with peace
Your brain shuts down releasing chemicals
To make the transition to nothingness easy

Your skin was cold
And you were as stiff as a board
When I carried you out of the water
Your stomach round from the
Fluid
Fell from my eyes
You were in there for quite a long time
I was in bed watching *Braveheart*
While you were busy dying
You must have called for help
I did not hear your cries

I know that like you others I love will die, and I will die
It is natural
An ending gives meaning and value to life and relationships
I will see my heart beat only through the window of memories
And I will one day also be a memory
You are in my window now and often—you always made me happy
Never again will I fail anyone like I failed you
My best, my true, my childhood friend
For that I thank Lord Death

