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²CEDAW Country Reports are available online: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/reports.htm>

³The Federal Government of Canada has now introduced a compassionate leave policy which allows those paid workers who have put in at least 600 paid hours and who have a doctor's certificate to prove their relative is dying, the chance to spend six months at home caring for that person on partial salary. Of course the unpaid full-time caregiver remains unpaid.

⁴Under s.3 of the *Children Young Person's and their Families Act 1989*, payments received by people in receipt of a social security benefit and providing foster care under the *Act* have all payments disregarded as income for benefit abatement purposes, but no one has been able to tell me what the position is in respect of superannuation.

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rhythm

as the retching subsides
I find a tissue
wiping the bloody mucous from
my hands

the ragged gasping
tears at the room
clawing every soft surface
with its desperation

I turn away for a moment
knowing that she's leaving me
swallowing down the knot
that will keep me from good byes

I keep throwing myself
against the impenetrable wall -
the one that represents our parting
and all that I cannot know
about her journey, her destination

she smiles
and my heart resumes its rhythm

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