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Not What It Used To Be

How tragic
the aging poetry fair

Hair disheveled
shuffling in bathrobe
and nursing-home slippers

No longer able to recognize
the sonnets, pantoums,
and free verse that visit

Staring instead at daytime TV

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