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Giving Away a Final Breath

I am looking to
Give away
My final breath.
To someone
More deserving
Than the
Individual
Currently working
His way toward it.
But what I
Am wondering is,
How *final* is
A final breath?
And if I give away
My final breath,
Is that really
Helpful to someone?
When it's gone,
It's gone.

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