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I wear my tiredness as a scarf draped around me
billowing up and around my face
then settling against my arms
An unwelcome accessory
If I shake it in front of my attendings
they round unaware
I drag it behind me as I walk back to my car
Why must such a heavy object
be invisible

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Before Eighty Hours

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