

## Crisis and Tranquility

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Before I send you on your way, please understand:

We expect you will survive for a time  
You will joke with your father  
There will be sarcasm, puns  
You may even finish that book  
About lunar exploration

Until you begin to lose strength  
You will want to sleep  
At first, naps in the morning  
Then, most of the day  
(No one will wake you for meals)

You will feel increasingly indifferent  
Life will not flash in reverse  
There will be stillness  
A single thought will stretch  
The afternoon into evening

Weeks passed, and today you are still dying or are already dead  
Finished or not, your book is shut.  
The far hemisphere of the moon:  
Open and exposed, dotted with craters  
The near side, shielded by Earth:  
Mare Crisium, Mare Tranquillitatis

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