

## Voicemail in Heaven



It is thirty minutes past your soul leaving the Earth  
Your body is still warm  
I gaze up at the ceiling, remembering all those movies  
Wondering if your spirit is looking down at me

It is two hours past your soul leaving the Earth  
I watch them wheel your body out of the house  
Which you bought because you were in love with the trees, the space, the animals  
The space for your many children, who filled it with laughter, music and song  
Just an empty shell, now, loaded into a van and taken away forever

It is three hours past your soul leaving the Earth  
I sit with my mother out on the deck, watching the dawn break  
Listening to the bird choruses that you will no longer hear  
Looking at the view you looked at a thousand times from your kitchen table

It is four hours past your soul leaving the Earth  
I gaze at my favorite picture of you...standing in a meadow with your new wife  
Looking strong and virile and handsome...a man I wish I could've met  
So many, many years before I was born  
"That once beautiful body will soon be reduced to a box of ashes," I think.

It is five hours past your soul leaving the Earth  
I am circling the yard again and again on the mower  
Wondering about time, relativity, the afterlife, heaven and purgatory  
Where are you now?  
You were not a perfect man...are you spending some time, face to face  
Talking with your Creator about those things you could not talk about down here?  
Will you need to do some heavenly Community Service?

I want to speak to you, now  
I feel that I can say so much more to your spirit, now that it's free  
No longer locked inside your broken, deteriorated body  
And if I spoke, would you hear me yet?  
How long do we have to wait till you get there?  
Perhaps there is voicemail in heaven  
"He has not yet processed in, but if you leave your name and number..."

Hello, Dad? Hi, it's me. I just wanted to let you know that I hope everything went okay and that you got there safely. Sorry I didn't get to say goodbye. I'm sure you're going to be very busy for awhile working stuff out...but when you get a chance, I'd love a visit from you in my dreamtime. Thanks.....love you.

Beep.