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Affirmation To grow old is to lose everything. Aging, everybody knows it. Even when we are young, we glimpse it sometimes, and nod our heads when a grandfather dies. Then we row for years on the midsummer pond, ignorant and content. But a marriage, that began without harm, scatters into debris on the shore, and a friend from school drops cold on a rocky strand. If a new love carries us past middle age, our wife will die at her strongest and most beautiful. New women come and go. All go. The pretty lover who announces that she is temporary is temporary. The bold woman, middle-aged against our old age, sinks under an anxiety she cannot withstand. Another friend of decades estranges himself in words that pollute thirty years. Let us stifle under mud at the ponds edge and affirm that it is fitting and delicious to lose everything. Author: Hall, Donald Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: The Painted Bed: Poems Pages: 00112 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2003-05-07 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780618340750 Category: Poetry : American - General

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