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Telling Time

Neck and head flat
Like a swan on a pillow
To swallow being tough
She drinks in
Daughter-fed
Pride in that dazzling fur coat
Her piano
From five-and-dime savings
A father who loved
As friendly now
With black-rimmed
Hospital seconds on a wall

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