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He stumbled from the bedroom, t-shirt
wrinkled from his twisted sleep, chin
half-bearded by the night, green eyes
nearly closed from morning's bright
eruption through the blind, hand trembling
now from Parkinson's Disease. "Remember, stamp
and mail my letter; also buy an unlined notebook, please.
I love you," he said, grabbing me and backpack
to a close embrace and kissing all
my neck and face until I laughed, then turning, slowly
shuffling zombie-like away and toward
the bedroom as I watched, inclined
to follow. But instead, I bounded
dutifully away, blindly counting
on another day.