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MERLYN JERNIGAN

AS MY AUNT LAY DYING

AS my aunt lay dying,  
I heard my uncle ask a Nurse  
If 'twas true  
That to pay a fortuneteller due  
Was to half your life with curse.

"No" she replied, sighing.  
But I saw her body slid into the hearse  
and 'twas true.  
Believe me, as I relate this to you.  
At twice twenty-two she answered the curse.