



Forever by Jenny Worstall - Setting the Scene

This gentle, evocative story opens with a young couple decorating their hall. Tom's wife seems cheerful but is worried about her mother who is in a nursing home.

Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

I felt a sharp stab as I pulled out my first silver hair
Peering in the mirror
A whole streak of grey
The hall
My husband, Tom,
Carrying a dripping paintbrush
Carpet
Couple of streaks in your hair
My mistake as I plucked at the paint in my hair
Becoming bald is another
Serious tone
I want to do the right thing for her and for us
Embrace me
I laughed, wriggling free
Afternoon
I drove to my mother's nursing home
Staff greeted me in the hall
Few words with the doctor
Later, I sat beside
Smoothing her hair
Skin felt as soft
Intricate mesh of delicate silver
Tom is collecting William from school now
Frail form relaxed
My childhood
Dressing up, cooking little grey pastry shapes
Glittery pictures
Endless vitality
Kissing her perfumed cheek
Took the long way home and stopped to gaze over the endless sea
Blue to a dull grey as it merged into the horizon
Her last winter
Setting sun
Tea and a long talk
Dialled the number
Mrs Winthrop's daughter
William rushed in, dressed as Superman

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