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Wires give him life, like a puppet
yet soon they will break
From the doorway I stare
In the bed he lies, decaying

But what of kite flying and baseball
games and piggybacking, I ask?
What of pizza and haircuts and the
new math?

Limply he waves--hello or goodbye?
Eyes close. Lips seal.
Robed in white,
his puppeteer removes the strings
Can't anyone fix him, please?

Hello Father, I am still waiting.

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