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Mr. Sandman and the Tooth Fairy on the Morning of Your Death

Entering the room you once used as an office,
a shaving mirror holds your image, a constant whirring.

Reflecting on the past, the mirror wears black,
bows its head, is acquainted with absence, loss.

Darkness led you by the hand
through the mirror into another world.

The Tooth Fairy took all your teeth,
fashioned a pretty necklace with them.

Your smile is hollow now.
Mr. Sandman has tucked you in.