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The Hospital Window

A young man and an old man shared a hospital room. The young man was recovering from eye surgery, and the old man was suffering from heart disease. They both had to lie in bed all the time. Every day, the two men didn’t have much to do, so they talked for hours about everything. Soon, they became good friends.

Every morning, a nurse would bring them breakfast and open the window. The young man would always sadly turn away because he couldn’t see anything with the bandage on his eyes. The old man realized this, so he would try his best to describe all the things outside the window to his friend.

“It’s a lovely day today. Young couples are walking around the lake. Some ducks and swans are swimming on the water. The kids ae playing with their model boats, and their parents are buying ice cream for them. Don’t worry. You’ll get to see all these beautiful things very soon,” the old man encouraged him.

Day after day, the old man described the view in detail. The young man would then imagine the colorful world outside the window. Sometimes, he even smiled in his sleep.

Days and weeks passed. Finally, the young man was able to remove the bandage and see the world again. Before the nurse wheeled him out of the room, he turned around and said to the old man, “I will be right back. Then we can enjoy the view together!” The old man replied with a smile.

When the young man returned, he was shocked to see that the old man was not there. “The old man passed away during his nap this afternoon,” the nurse said. The young man walked over to the old man’s bed and looked out the window. Surprisingly, he saw nothing but a wall. “The old man couldn’t even see this wall,” the nurse said. “He was blind.”

Tears fell from the young man’s eyes. “Thank you,” he whispered.