**Why Should We?**

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Death addresses its invitation  
In bold black block letters,  
And will honor no regrets.  
When it appears over night,  
Why should we be surprised?

Our plan's throbbing heart,  
Our future's cleansing breath,  
Our hope's clinging embrace  
Must surrender to silence  
When we receive the summons.

When the heart's rhythm stills,  
When the lungs' inspiration fails,  
When the brain's light fades,  
Death's invitation has arrived.  
Why should we be surprised  
The Forever Stamp is cancelled?