

## *Game 5 of the 2015 World Series*

*(pitcher perfect through 8 innings)*

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“Call no man happy till after his death,”  
Montaigne wrote. If, Harvey had died before  
the ninth and not professed a second breath,  
the Kansas City A’s might not have scored  
the tying runs that helped them win the game  
against the Mets. Yet, Harvey’s taken out  
after he gives up an opening walk,  
and the next batter manages to clout  
a double. Hence he feels he shouldn’t balk  
at managers affording him relief  
pitching before he’s forced to brook the blame.  
He seethes inside the dugout wracked with grief.  
Instead of sitting out the victory  
the pitcher in relief might have secured  
to complement his valedictory,  
a loss in extra innings was assured.  
I watch him as his heart appears to break,  
while I’m no less despondent at the wake.