

# *It's Grief To Me*

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I try to make sense of it  
but can only surmise  
sardonically that  
a body in motion  
tends to remain in motion  
while a body at rest  
remains at rest forever  
for every death  
there is an equal but opposite  
emotional reaction  
the fabric of time and space  
is not linear  
but is warped  
around the gravity  
of a deceased parent  
it's all relative I suppose  
it doesn't take an Einstein  
to understand that

As one approaches  
the deed of blight  
mass increases  
exponentially  
causing the limbs  
to grow so heavy

that ordinary tasks  
become nearly  
impossible  
however  
according to  
Heisenberg's Principle  
one cannot observe  
one's own grief  
or the grief of others  
without intimately  
affecting it

The Law of Conservation  
adamantly decrees  
that energy can neither  
be created nor destroyed  
perhaps we never die  
but only move  
from one state of being  
to another  
first solid and heavy  
then getting lighter  
drifting away  
yet ever present  
like vibrating strings  
commingling  
on the same  
life/death continuum