**A C or a K?**

The defining wrinkles

Between her brows

The fading wrinkles

At the corners of her mouth

Told the adults

That she didn’t want to be here

Because I am only 7,

I see Granny’s face

The repetitions

The questions she couldn't answer

Told the adults

Her mind was dulling

Because I am only 7,

I hear innocent forgetting

The yellow tint

bloodshot effect

In her eyes,

Told the adults

Cancer was spreading

Because I am only 7,

I draw her smiling

and wonder whether “Cancer”

Starts with *C* or a *K*

Her sleeping,

And halting breaths

Told the adults

It was time to say “goodbye”

Because I am only 7,

I thought I’d show her my drawing

tomorrow

Erin O'Brien