

## Shallow

Archers

I see your failing body  
I hear your heart beat slow  
I'll hold your hand til it's over  
I swear I won't let go  
I see the fear in your eyes  
I know you're scared, so am I  
But I won't leave your side

In the silence I can hear you sleep  
Your breath is shallow but the sound is deafening  
If you can hear me, know I'll never leave  
I'd give up anything to keep you with me

You were the strength that I always clung to  
You held my hand in every storm I walked through  
And even though so many times I fought you  
I hope you know how much I love you  
You gifted me with a purpose  
Something I could never repay  
So I'll try every day to deserve it  
You always told me that I should be brave  
So I'll smile while you dry my eyes  
And we'll talk of all the good times we'll have  
Until the rhythm of your heart is falling quiet

In the silence I can hear you sleep  
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I'd give up anything to keep you with me

I don't know who I would be without you  
It's getting harder just to breathe without you  
You were the strength that I always clung to  
I hope you know that I'll always love you

I am suffocated under the knowledge that in a few days I will have to choose the box you to rest in. As if anything other than you living is what mattered to me. And I'm afraid that when the minister stands up to speak blessings over your life and death, those words will not provide comfort for you or me or anyone. That it'll be nothing more than a hollow script somebody's getting paid to read. So is that how I will remember you? You built your life up for so long, only to become an incentive for others to try harder. We both lost our normal when you started to fade. My new normal is my throat closing over a whisper of 'Rest easy' at your wake

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