

Late Night

By Ariel Boswell

late night
on
the
floor
the
only
sound
is
the beeping of the
pump and sobs from
a family down the hall
and laughter at the
nurses' station and
Code Blue on the
PA
and
foot
steps
as
a
sleep
less
walker
pushes
an
IV
pole
down the hall
(don't fall) (don't fall)

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