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# Summer Of The Grandmothers

They come back in their white  
shifts, their ruffled shawls of salt  
white, the way the dead always return  
when you need them the most&mdash;

when it's too hot to do anything  
but picture the worst&mdash;the Bomb  
finally fallen, the world burned-up,  
the entire planet radioactive&mdash;

when you are too weak to do anything  
but lie in a stupor and call them back  
to drift at your side, in eyelet dresses  
of old starlight, fresh-faced and cold.

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