Cardiac Arrest

They found him on the street

and brought him here.

It's true that, under the patches,

beneath the tubing, through the machines,

below the noise, he resembles

my father; true that even appearances

ought to be preserved, especially

when the real thing has gone,

especially when it was

your only father; true

they didn't know him;

but my complaint is this:

they should have brought someone

who resembled him more closely.