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Smart? She was smart, never lost at Scrabble, remembered relatives of neighbors, dead for decades, chemical formulae and forms of etiquette, all stacked in the library of her mind.

Later, it seemed, she could no longer find the right shelf. Rummaged around to recall those who had eaten at her table the previous night. Mother had - - - what’s his name? You know, that, that disease.

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ABOUT THIS PIECE:
“This poem was inspired by memories of my mother struggling to remember, when I forget a name or place.”