

## Ercil

### She Speaks to the Dead

For Anna Anderson Erickson

Her nursing room  
radiates love, cards patch  
walls where bright mobiles twirl and bloom.  
Relatives visit, play games and they watch  
her acting host.

Her limbs are numb, and slide.  
Speech gone almost.  
She sees her family on other side,  
“They were all there”, she’d say.  
“They wouldn’t let me stay.”

**Ercil:** Ten Iambic lines

Or syllable count with rhyme scheme: 4a-6b-8a-10b-4c-6d-8c-10d-6e-6e.