

Dear Friend

*I ask you to stay
this last day
in my quiet way.*

*Can you help me, please?
This one last deed
will set me free.
Let me breathe.
Run free.
Please.*

*You and I,
that one last ride,
still a spark in my eye,
but weary and clear.
Don't let me feel fear -
let me know it's ok
to go far away
but stay
in your heart.*

*My paw in your hand,
do you understand?
I can't do this alone.
Help me go.*

*So let's do one more catch,
and one more last dance,
and a nose-to-nose,
before I go.*

*Now talk to me,
stay with me,
as you help me be free,
your last gift to me.*

*And as I go,
dear friend, please know -
my heart's full of love,
as yours is for me.*

