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I Step Aside

Invisibility becomes easier for Guinevere
once she turns 65, abandons Arthur, his castle.
She discovers wrinkles, graying hair
are a girl's best disguise.

Is able to travel unescorted
without fear of robbery or assault.
Can infiltrate ale houses,
overhear gossip, intimations of treason.

Develops new talents and interests.
Verbalizes unpopular truths.
Banishes guilt and uncertainty.
Learns to trust her own instincts.

Realizes she isn't stepping aside,
just exploring a different path:
fresh destination, vivid adventures
she has consciously chosen.