



The ICU

breathes shallow. Scattered sighs
and snores collide with invisible
phone chatter. Unanswered analogs
cheep with call and response for
digitized birds that make incisive cries,
untaught but programmed at birth.

Bed three tilts near the window. A mask
swallows her snore under half-open eyes
that flutter in the rafters, snaking along
empty curtain tracks she can't close.

Breathing in bed two metastasizes in sound
only for the creature's exhale, a soft pinched
balloon slowly being deflated.

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