ROPE FOR SOUL

*For PW*

I would have sold my soul

for a rope that could have anchored

your soul to your body

for a moment longer,

just so your daughter

might have arrived there

in time to say goodbye.

But I don't believe

in such fancies

as the soul,

though I would

if it meant

I could have sold mine

to hold onto yours

for those handful of minutes

as she rushed to the hospital,

the call of the doctor still loud

in her semi-sleeping ear.