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A whisper from dementia

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'No human body I can touch, hold, or hug.
Spring is lost, and leaves have fallen.
My tree of life is bare and gray.

I'm old – worth a century of stories.

To mankind, I'm a "bag" – pieces of flesh tied together,
warm blood still flowing.

Lying in my bed, I ask for touch and embrace.
You give me a plastic doll, *"Here… it's your baby."*

You treat me as such, and I'm a century old.'

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