



## Examples of Writings by Robert Mills

### **Morphology of a Disease: The Alzheimer's Patient**

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The child that lives within  
reemerges, reborn-  
so little passion left in the heart,  
all is in consciousness  
struggling to find itself a place  
where it can live.

A heart fed on fantasies  
hardens in a rogue body  
timidly redeems its past  
-too happy in its happiness-  
languishes,  
dreamwalks  
through the willow trees and dawn flowers  
as soft winds and sunlight linger  
into winter winds grown brutal.  
Reminiscing moments  
-life's kiss renewed  
as its sweetness is betrayed.

### **The Enemy Within**

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Weedy tangles in the brain  
mysterious, microscopic conspirators  
twist, twirl, somersault capriciously.  
Now a rogue mind inhabits a sound body  
Impaled on a thorny thicket.

Distortions swamp the brain.  
Jungle weeds entangle an alienated body.



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### **In the Doctor's Office**

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I am more than the warts and wrinkles  
I have become, and surely more  
than disease your chart implies.

My life  
familiar to me as history  
exceeds symptoms and medicines.

I'm more than what you diagnose  
also what I was, strong face and mind,  
wisdom without warts enlivening the world,  
linkage from past to future.

As I grow in time  
you should update my record;  
reveal the elder in the aged.