

# More from The Chronicles of His Demise

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## **Banality**

Dread and drudgery sour each day,  
Monday through Friday.  
Work to eat and eat to work-  
the horrid cycle of the human way.

## **Soon**

Soon, the last living whale  
will beach herself and die,  
her stomach full of bags  
and bottles. Soon, the last

living human being will  
simply lie down and choose  
to stop breathing, the burden  
of breath too great to bear.

