

Breathe Goodbye

The moment so big

Can't think

Can't feel

Can't breathe

Breathe

I must breathe

I breathe in

His pulse moves on the screen

I breathe out

Pulse so shallow and slow

I breathe in

The nurse standing in the door

I breathe out

She catches Stan's eye quickly

I breathe in

She asks with silent eyes

I breathe out

Stan's head slowly shakes "no"

I breathe in

Hallway voices wait and worry

I breathe out

Brothers tear with heads turned down

The room, so filled with weight

Thoughts unspoken, memories buried...

That usual feeling I'm an observer

Not quite there

My next breath

May be his last

Can't breathe

Won't breathe

Won't breathe

The nurse standing in the door

She catches Stan's eye quickly

Stan's head a reluctant nod "Ies."

She slowly walks in to pull up the blanket

I breathe in

His last breath