

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.

