

A Short Glimpse Was Enough

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Her granddaughter helps her turn on the video and she waits She is speaking words I can't hear, but I can see her clothes fit better Her granddaughter comes back to troubleshoot the audio She smiles and points to her Ensure shake, and I nod Her granddaughter comes back and motions, frustrated, they cannot hear me She dials the phone and we hear each other, but her video disappears Her granddaughter apologizes for the connection difficulty She is happy to report her appetite is better Her granddaughter attempts connecting the video again She comments on my pregnant belly and we laugh: both of us are gaining weight Reassuringly, I let her granddaughter know: We have both seen what we needed to see She hangs up, but I can still picture her smiling into the phone.

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