

Endecha

The Last Time I Saw My Father

Last time I saw my father
he waved through the windowpane.
I drove away in rental
car, sobbing, I'd never to see him again.

I was told when to come, when
he could enjoy my visit.
I could not afford return
for funeral and came knowing this is it.

The doctor knew cancer's course.
Dad died a few weeks later.
On the other coast I wept
as Dad left us all to join his creator.

Endecha: 16th century Spanish dirge or song of sorrow.
Any number of quatrains. Syllable Count: 7-7-7-11.
Rhyme Scheme: x-a-x-a x-b-x-b X=unrhymed.