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Everyday steps simple we know
Each a negotiation, ready steady go
Patience learned all at slow pace
No point to hurry an impossible race
Unable to function walk like a man
A temporary affliction do what I can
For every step taken help is at hand
Kindness from strangers at no demand
Carry my own bag climb the stairs
Retain independence pride declares
Plan every movement choose a route
Never step back and easy option refute
Balance a challenge there is no trick
Lean on all things, life with a stick
Creep around corners avoid any ramp
Stairs the nemesis the enemy camp
Rail at frustration swear under breath
Thankful for assistance take a deep breath
Remember others days full of dance
Engage in movement nothing to chance
Mocked by small boys stick in hand
Seats given up no reason to stand
Cats and dogs flee fearful of blunder
Balance precarious scatter all asunder
Crutches an option rejected out of hand
Life with a stick is my last stand