The Decision

Faced with

the worsening deficits of neuronal destruction
or
a catastrophic hemorrhage of iatrogenic over aggression

the electrical chaos of synchronized periodic neuronal firing
or
the perils of invasive intervention and its attendant complications

an existence of utter dependency
or
the certain unknown of oblivion

the emotional pull of a lifelong companion
or
the increasingly burdensome economics of a society

shall we

call on the hubris of past experience
or
use the limited scope of current evidence

to determine the path to take

will continuing study ever produce data applicable to every circumstance?
or
does it ultimately fall on individual discernment?

to navigate the precarious knowledge of the present
always advocating for the other

taking every care to avoid harm

we cannot take lightly the outcome of the other

as we assume the mantle of the determiner

yet all fades to grey

and we are still left with the choice
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