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Inger-Mari Aikio

Today is my last day

Inger-Mari Aikio's (Ima) latest book of poems *Othe lea mu majimusš beaivi* (Today is my last day) is a poetic story, a dialogue in which the suicidal describes his feelings and thoughts about his life. His spouse's poems deal with the feelings that the other's actions and illness raise in her. The villager, on the other hand, knows best how to solve the problems of a mental health patient. Fourthly, the mind of the suicidal participates in the dialogue.

With her book, Ima wants to make the reader think about his/her own attitude towards suicide. Is the suicidal a selfish egotist who doesn't care about the feelings of others, but kills himself? Is a person forced to suffer until death has mercy? Does he have the right to leave this world when the torment continues year after year and there is no hope of recovery? Or does he love his loved ones so much that he wants to free them from the suffering he causes?

Inger-Mari Aikio

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