

Breathe

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About the Work:

A poem that provides perspective and reflection on events surrounding the conclusion of a corporate employment.

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Company life,
company lore

they gave me the word
and showed me the door.

breathe out 28 years
breathe in 28 more

Over project details
I mindfully pour,

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thoughts of what happened,
who with, why, and more.

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Hearing my tales, friends smile but ugh, what a bore;
parking permit, iPhone, and a badge that I wore.

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Soon it'll run dry this history encore
but for now it's a chasm that I can not ignore.

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