Green and dying:

Exploring bereavement and loss as lived responses to abbreviated time

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"Time held me green and dying
Though I sang in my chains like the sea"

Fern Hill

Dylan Thomas (1952/53)

Abbreviated time

- Exploration of human relationship to time
  - Flow of time
  - Self-identity
- Perspectives
  - Philosophical
    - Phenomenology
    - Existentialism
  - Occupational Therapy
    - Critical theory
- Implications
  - Lived responses to abbreviated time
  - Shared clinical time and space

Time

Calendar time	Lived time
Clock time	— Tempo
	• Time felt
	• Time understood
— Formal structure	
	— Temporality
— Objective measurement	
	— Narrative structure
— Human fixity	• Self identity
	• Self-continuity

Lived experience

- Embodied consciousness
  - Body-object
  - Body subject
  - Intentionality

- Body-world
  - Illness
  - Clinician

Running out of time

- Time consciousness

- Narrative suspense

- Stranding in an expanded 'now'

- Impact on the 'project' of self and one's becoming

- Unwanted meanings

Bereavement and Loss

- Life span
  - Relativities
  - Intentionalities
  - Expectations
  - The sense of 'later'
  - Abbreviated time
- Contracted future
  - Limited experiential possibility
  - Loss as the experience of those who remain

(Carel, 2013, 2016)

Shared Time

- Temporal structure of death
- Choice to stay in present
- Attentive presence
- Controlling current perceptions

Green and golden

"In the sun that is young once only,
    Time let me play and be
Golden in the mercy of his means,
And green and golden I was…………"

Dylan Thomas, Fern Hill, (1952/53)

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