Designing Dying Well
Toward a new architectural approach of in-patient palliative care environments for the terminally ill

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“I should say: the house shelters day-dreaming, the house protects the dreamer, the house allows one to dream in peace.”
Gaston Bachelard
The Poetics of Space
the hospice in history

Patients of the Hotel-Dieu in their Beds, folio 77, 1482, Livre de vie active, by Jehan Henry, shows nurses attending the dying in a Paris hospital. Patients are two to a bed, except for a dying woman.
the hospice now
homely?
home-like?
home-liiness?

home?
“architectural determinism works under some condition, but only to a degree, and it depends on the culture of the inhabitants and their other conditions of stress and well-being”

Charles Jencks, “Can Architecture Affect Your Health?” pg 14
a view out to the
world and sky beyond

the sounds and
glimpses of the
rest of the house

a view out to the
close our house sat on the corner of

the sounds and
glimpses of the
rest of the house
a view to the bed and family opposite

a strained glance out to the hedgerow

to walls and beds, doors just visible

a strained glance out to the hedgerow

nurses station

corridor

a view to the bed and family opposite
I am what is around me

Wallace Stevens,
Collected Poems