



## Infirmity in verse

Bodies, illness and hospitalization in the poetry of Amelia Rosselli, Alda Merini, Attilio Bertolucci, Valerio Magrelli, Antonella Anedda and Patrizia Valduga

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