



Sacrifice or save

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We are faced with a choice
Not life or death
We all live, we all die
The choice is sacrifice or save
Something has to give way...

At the beach on holiday, the water sparkles in my eyes
They lose their sight, never to see the beach again

A moment to collect my thoughts
Seconds to help trickle away

Trying to catch up on my sleep
They will soon sleep forever

A memorable moment with my family
Their last moments in this world

No time for my loved ones, I'm losing them
A family about to lose someone forever

The smile of my child on Christmas day
Tears as parents say goodbye

In the end, doctors don't choose
No.
We sacrifice and save
Nothing gives way