

## *Empathy in the Face of Addiction*

*A father who faced a serious alcohol addiction,  
A mother who suffered a severe medical condition.  
After many challenging hardships, obstacles, and stress,  
Baldwin committed to substances, one after the next.  
As lives on city streets are being claimed by Fentanyl,  
Some believe the high is divine and indescribable.  
"I did it all", Baldwin said, it was hard to say no.  
Alcohol and drugs were his only way to go.  
Sober Baldwin then became,  
His new life grew clean, changing the game.  
Addicts experience pain, and are in desperate need of assistance.  
Through us they can achieve, not temptation, but resistance.  
Baldwin had finally learned to face his traumas,  
And to seek empathy for those who caused him pain so that there were no dramas.  
He had recognized possibility for his emotional destructions to be healed,  
And it was through **empathy** and **hope** that his addiction could be sealed.*

