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Perfume that stole across my cheek like dew
Of contraband delight. It wasn’t meant
To last, dear mother, no. And now my hand
Is swathed in white, white too these phantoms quick
Astride my gurney—how they understand
The headlong rush and every corridor’s trick
To usher me into this hospital
Heaven. What pity should you choose to keen
Beyond an ordinary grief or call
In endless protest for what might have been!
Love me no less if less I have to show:
In wholeness shattered will my wholeness grow.

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  • **Atlanta Sickle Cell Buddy Program** at Emory University School of Medicine
  • **Organ Donor Awareness Initiative** at the University of Florida College of Medicine
  • **Celebración de Salud (Hispanic Health Fair)** (second year) at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine
  • **Free Clinic in Little Havana area of Miami** at the University of Miami School of Medicine
  • **U.R. Well Free Family Health Clinic** at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
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