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*For Adrian Felix Carroll*

Tiny blue open-backed gown  
that never quite ties back up.

Tiny blood pressure cuff,  
thermometer cuff.  
Tiny vital signs.

Tiny primary color-coded IVs,  
tiny calibrated pumpings  
of opiate, anxiolytic, total  
parenteral nutrition with adjusted  
lipids to avert liver failure.

Tiny blood transfusion.

Tiny ostomy bag.

Tiny liquid rolling crescents  
of bluegreen wake-eye. Tiny  
flickering visits with.

Tiny answers  
from hall-snagged docs.

So what is there here  
to miniaturize away  
this innards-clawing, hemorrhagic  
fever of grief?

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