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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