A Reminder

An intellectual is someone whose mind watches itself.
I entered into this profession, this art—
It is easy to slip into a selfish thirst to prove myself,
Amidst all the memorization of complex body parts.

I entered into this profession, this art.
But I sometimes forget the patients whom I am working for,
amidst all the memorization of complex body parts.
(Biochemical pathways, reactions, and science galore.)

I sometimes forget the patients whom I am working for,
We were all so idealistic—bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at the inception.
In spite of biochemical pathways, reactions, and science galore,
It is crucial to keep clear and undimmed our perception.

We were all so idealistic—bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at the inception;
More difficult is now to stay the course and remain consistent.
It is crucial to keep clear and undimmed our perception:
Integrity, honesty, communication—to these we must be persistent.

More difficult is now to stay the course and remaining consistent—
It is easy to slip into a selfish thirst to prove myself.
Integrity, honesty, communication—to these we must be persistent.
Recall—an intellectual is someone whose mind watches itself.

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