

Healers

Healers don't always look like healers.

Healers sometimes look like fixers—
you know—
the engineers who build
monuments in their minds
who see the heart
as a pump
and the lungs
a spring.
Physician or physicist?

Healers sometimes look like
sculptors
who see the skin as a
canvas
and the viscera
a palate
who believe in beauty
below the bandage.
Physician or Picasso?

Healers sometimes look like
musicians
who hear the adagio movement
amid the auscultation
and listen for the syncopation in the
stridor
who know the organs act in
orchestration.
Physician or pianist?

So if you think to yourself
i cannot be a healer,
remember the body is nothing but a
concert hall
incomplete without infrastructure
and sculpture and music.

Remember healers often look like
humans
with hands and eyes and ears
who transcend science
to partake in
symphony.

—Grace Ferri



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