

Ode to a Cuban house physician

A gentle pull
Closes the distance.
Two edges meet
Like old friends
Strung together by a bond
Rooted deep.

You sacrificed everything,
Trading oppression
For opportunity,
A scalpel for a stitch.
You taught me
Far more than suturing.

—*Raelynn Vigue, MD*

A proud grin
Envelops my face
As my masterpiece
Reveals itself,
Each knot a tribute
To you.

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