

A LIFE AFTER CANCER

Does it matter what we do?
Well, there is a risk, but there is a
benefit, we hope
we can look inside with
our camera, we can look, we can biopsy
your body, your bladder, your life.

Does it stop, in the inner layer?
No, the muscle is involved,
within the layer, invading, growing
into the deepest parts
of an area that must
be taken
to save it, to save you.

Does it shrink, with each regimen?
Every time, sick and tired, try
to be sure it does not grow
now it is smaller, you can be
closer now, toward the goal, our goal.
It will be time to cut
soon is good but
now is better.

Does the scan say it went away?
Did it disappear, from here, from me?
Or, did it stay inside, the layer, that layer?
Has it already left, escaped
does it dare, we worry.
Is there a place to look, to check
a met, a node?
Now, wonder, why, how, when
if it will spread?
A family, a wife, a son, wait.
We all wait.
Should we give a regimen, more
and more?

Does it have an end?
No, not for this
it will be here forever, but it may never
come back, to your body, to your life.
We can watch and wait and pray
that it will hide.
Does it matter if we . . . no
Maybe it will not go on, again to
start again,
start over.
Does it seem ok?
This cancer, this life, your life,
it does for now, I hope,
I hope.

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