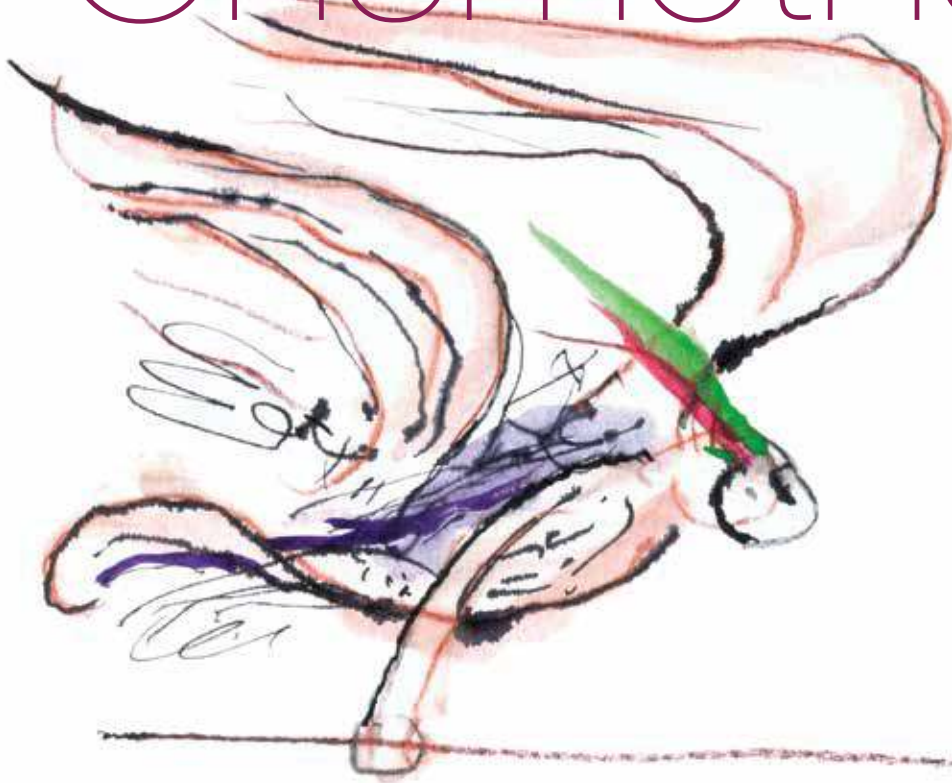


Chemotherapy



Holy silent killer
sent to find and root out
the ugly, monstrous foreign cells
that turn the healthy pink tissue
to sickly gray.
Your hateful, nauseating touch
lifts me from the tear-filled dark
up to the blessed light of day.
Come, healer—
I embrace you,
and when you've done
your healing miracle
may the waters of Lethe
cleanse my mind of black memories.
A bright new world awaits.

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