

The congregation has gathered. This week's liturgy is on fever, And ways it may present. An elder welcomes all, Then introduces one Who's not spoken here before. Her hands grasp the lectern. (Did she slightly gasp?) She tells the story of a febrile child, Cites from texts we all should know. Following custom, she praises those Who've done the work that has come before, Shows she is versed in her science and its art, And in the sermon she provides Her insight on the strangeness of this case— Despite some grey-haired grumbling About a better way To vet the cryptic clues. In closing, she affirms What, later, we all claimed To know when we walked in: What, but too much IgD, Could induce this fever and its suffering?

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