

Kid in a white coat

Sleeves too long,
hem too short.
That's what it means to be
a kid in a white coat.

Puzzling words,
perplexing terms.
Learning a new language
to stay afloat.

Vague symptoms,
ambiguous results.
Uncovering the clues
needed to diagnose.

Pressure and stressors
from any which way.
Fighting to survive in
a world so cutthroat.

Knowledgeable yet naïve,
Experts in curiosity.
Eager yet weary
to play a role so hallowed.

Though let it be known,
such feelings are universal.
For every great doctor was once
a kid in a white coat.

—*Gabriella M. Garcia*



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