

Worth It

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A diagnosis missed
A slip of the hand
A heartbeat stopped
A human life gone too soon

Let me not be the reason
For a delay in diagnosis
For a wrong dosage
For a nicked nerve
For a lost loved one

Each and every day
We walk the thin line
Of harm and healing
Of life and death

Thousands and thousands
Of pages read
Wounds sutured and knots tied
Is it enough?

Thousands and thousands
Of patients seen
Histories taken
Diagnoses made

Let the years and years of practice
Of long days and nights
Let all the knowledge gleaned
Help me to be the reason for

An urgent diagnosis caught
A treatment plan made
A life touched
A patient saved
It was worth it.