

Poems

Poem by: E.C.

The Surgery Waiting Room

The outer door strongly resisted my push.
It had one of those spring things, like pumps.
You can't close the damn things behind you,
They do it themselves, in small jumps.

The glass-panelled inner door hinges were worn,
At my push it swung suddenly wide
And a row of unsmiling faces
Stared coldly at me from inside.

A Little girl cuddling close up to her mum,
A granite-faced Gran sitting there.
Two old men leaning on sticks
And a boy with a truculent glare.

Four or five other, assorted adults,
One sprays a sneeze, one tries a shy grin
And I felt all their eyes on my back
As I walked to the desk to clock in.

The receptionist had a message for me.
When she gave me a bottle I knew
That a 'specimen' should have been sent,
So I hurriedly made for the loo.

That done, I sat down and awaited my turn.
I knew there'd be some time to wait
So I picked up a small magazine;
Readers' Digest ----- of June,
Sixty-Eight!

Just then, another poor patient arrived.
She came over; a woman I knew.
We sat close and lowered our voices
And she whispered "I think I've got flu".

When at last I was called I was nervous.
Apprehensive, my mind in a bother.
In one hand a list of my pills, and
A bottle of warm pee in the other.

The Doc thinks I'll last a bit longer yet
Though my functions are now all antiques
I'll get the Waiting Room joys once again;
I've got to come back in two weeks!

Poem by: May Tate

Friends

What would life be like for us
without our friends.
I am sure we have all found
some friends to help us on our way.

Friends are always there
to cheer us
to help us
to play games with us
to weep with us when things go wrong
to grieve with us when we lose one of us

But above all else our very
good friends are around us always.

What a blessing for us all
to have such good friends
to help us along life's way.

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