

Young Patient X

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Panic and confusion grow
Mounds of paperwork
Faded cold tile stretch
In and out
But for what?

Failed IV attempt
White coats and bright lights
Monitors beep and turn
Despair rises and days fade
Do they all disappear?

Test, results, bad luck
She doesn't come
Childhood memories chase me
Scratchy gown, sleep, injection
Empathetic eyes dance
Cold hands take my dreams

Pain, tightness, restriction
Review and repeat
Comfort is on the tongue
The time is short
Last words and limited potential
It is over before it began