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Poetry

Wandering Towards A Goal

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The art of diagnosis,
has twists, turns, and dead-ends,
as the physician ever wanders,
listening to each breath and thump of the heart,
manipulating the patient's joints,
and examining every crease and crevasse,
desperately reaching for the goal-post wavering within reach.

Yet the physician and patient remain blind,
as the patient faces the uncertainty and mystery of their misfortune,
while the physician awakens new diagnostic paths,
listening with their ears and heart,
into the unseen realm of soul,
probing the elephant of disease,
with each wandering step,
towards a final diagnosis,
and a new hope.

Yet the hope of a better future beckons the weary physician and patient forward, despite sleepless nights and flowing tears.

Both endure the endless seas,

and vast unknowns ahead.
As the physician walks to and fro,
with furrowed brows,
ceaseless thoughts plague their desperate mind.
With each advance hope emerges,
beckoning to its warm embrace.
Yet the art of diagnosis,
remains but wandering towards a goal.