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## Doctors

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I stand in awe of Doctors,  
A circle esoteric indeed  
Learnedly diagnostic, prognostic,  
With 'clinical eye' to lead.

Vast the store of knowing and doing  
Each scholarly brain to refrain,  
To hold, pigeon-holed for  
the "re nata" now;  
Then to surface instanter again.

What a marvel, the surgical skills,  
Confounding imagination  
With sections 'ad extra and intra,'  
To a fraction of millimeters,  
Precise in concatenation.

Our venturesome mind,  
Magnetic to our will,  
May set upon a course to founder.  
And here the good Psychiatrist  
Enters hopefully, with delicate skill.

A touchy, ad interim foot-note —  
Just remuneration due.  
What price my pulsing stream of life?  
Nor gold will purchase the sunshine,  
Nor our life-giving air will renew.

We, most wondrous of works divine,  
Must meet dread days of detrition,  
Our haven of hope, with the trust of a child,  
This, — the Doctor's glorious mission.

— Fr. Walter Terence Doyle

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