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> Chemotherapy ... for WHAT? I feel just fine; I'm not that sick; You must be wrong.

> > What does it mean? I'll lose my hair; I'll lose my looks; I'll lose my life.

It can't be true: I'm still too young; The tests are off; They must be wrong.

The doctor's words were abrupt and unexpected: "It's getting worse."

> It must be true: I don't feel well; I don't look good; It's such a waste. Why does life end so soon?

My body's ill But my soul is strong. I need to fight; I won't give in.

And then, with time, I make my peace. I grasp what once Seemed out of reach.

> I'm calm About my lot, About my life, About my soul.

The doctor's words were abrupt and unexpected: "I think you're well."

> How can this be? I had no chance; I was so ill; I had no choice.

As I look back the pieces fit somehow: Growth follows pain; Calm follows fear; Hope follows shock.

Now I have peace of mind.

As life goes on This memory cannot fade. It will sustain When crisis strikes again. I've faced the worst; I've been refined.

> I'll be equipped Next time.

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