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## Poetry

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How do you do it  
I ask the chaplain  
How do you help a patient  
A grandmother, a sister, a son  
Bearing the unrelenting weight of a diagnosis  
Wading through a sea of fear  
Watching sand slip through the hourglass  
How do you decelerate time  
How do you tame anxiety  
How do you derive the words  
To answer the unanswerable questions  
To meet a patient at the eleventh hour  
Who asks if everything will be O.K.  
How do you it

Tenderly, the chaplain tells me  
Tenderly

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