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## Poem and Original Art

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## The Art of Medicine

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The painting of the canvas does require  
creativity, a motivation fully inspired,  
to animate life from empty void of space  
worth a thousand words, if just a trace.  
To paint the mind with passion and ideas,  
Cultivating the heart with wisdom so clear,  
a true teacher brings colors to the soul  
into your heart all his lessons shall go,  
a memorized fact anybody can surely depart  
but teaching medicine is more like an art,  
With passion to blossom a developing mind  
and let it bloom, becoming one of a kind.

such is the way of teachers to truly care,  
helping others when nobody else shall dare  
A healer of the soul in those tragic hours  
empathy and compassion; not an ivory tower  
of academic prestige, that research volume -  
when to the patients he shall never come.  
Within the timeless art we now recognize  
our teachers who have richened our lives.  
Remember no single plaque can ever show  
our appreciation to those we will know:  
teachers, healers, colleagues, and friends  
let the art.

