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Health

My patient offers me
a chocolate from a box
beside his bed.

He hopes I will find
a white hard center
of health.

But I look
for a soft cherry
infused with Grand Marnier

The body is deceptive,
a half moon tumor on the hip
could be an abscess easily drained.

I want to put his death
back in the box,
retie the bow.