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A nervous wreck, palms sweaty,
head and eyelids heavy,
not ready for the showdown.
Thoughts turned flip-side, right-side, upside down.
Chief complaint?
The fact that I stand here turning
beet as a red, hat as a madder, hot as a...

Wait.
Don't flatter yourself
because your coat is grayer or bluer than mine.
Fine lines on your face show a time
when yours was mine
and lips stuttered with every word uttered:
"I can't hear you, Doctor - don't mutter!"
Heart fluttered as I sputtered
my way thru these morning theatrics.
Slick tricks to keep the sick straight,
in my head. Thoughts of bed,
lead legs make others beg
my show was over.
Scrub odors join eye floaters
for those not seasoned to the battle,
to saddling war-horses too old to straddle.

Step back!
It's my time to shine,
laced and strapped to the waist, in evidence based.
Ask me now, Dr. Great.
It's not UpToDate, it's up to fate
when you're inches from Heaven's gate.

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