

## Poetry in Medicine

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**Abstract** We are all stressed out to read and understand our medical practice which is so vast and seems monotonous. Amidst so much tension, we can still enjoy our profession if we can narrate the sequence in a different style. Poetry is one way of such expression.

Poetry is a combination of knowledge and feeling. Just as we have all read Zachary Cope's Surgery in Verse which correlates the disease with its signs in a different way that is poetry, I have tried to use poetry in my medical practice, too. We can understand as well as express better. The whole topic seems so easy once it comes in the form of poetry.

Writing in a poetic form requires a thorough knowledge of the subject. Added to this are empathy and sympathy. It needs a deep sense of understanding to feel what the sufferer would feel. Imagination can take us to any part of the world and beyond however minute the structure imagined may be. This is an attempt to present poetry in medical, both while learning and during practice.

### When the Bag is in Trouble...

That pear shaped bag...  
Lying humbly under the liver crag  
Performing till date the duty allotted  
Until the time its contents got tainted.  
Precipitation of the sludge  
Stones at times resembling fudge  
Silent often... but sometimes yell  
Their untold story they seem to tell.  
The undefiable 'f' sequence  
Now and then have given credence  
When Murphy's sign gives a clue  
It is time now to inform the crew.  
The situation is grim with a triad of charcot  
Worsened further with a pentad of Reynold  
Intervention is needed to clear the yellow...  
Needed at times is the help of an expert fellow.  
Acoustics and the magnets will guide you  
Knowledge of the anatomy will always take you through  
Hug me says the gall bladder  
Lest you put the pivotal trunk in danger!!  
COSIC... will ease the situation  
Doing less is better than a stupid temptation!  
Ignorance of the miss is worse than committing  
Safe conversion is always worth attempting!!

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