Swansea Storytelling: Nursing & Primary Care

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Explore the Fox Valley
Similarities between Caregivers and Poets

• Struggle against mortality and death
• Create order from chaos
• Concerned with healing
• Combine emotional distance (steadiness) with emotional engagement (tenderness)

From “Can poetry improve the doctor-patient relationship?” by Dr. Johanna Shapiro, UC-Irvine
Hey all,

A few weeks ago, I had some sad/challenging things happen on an overnight OB shift .... Afterward went down to the lobby piano to help find some inner peace. I had this old hymn melody buried in the back of my head but didn’t have any music on hand so I was making the arrangement up as I went. I recorded it on my iPad in case it turned into something worth writing out someday. A surprising number of people have written to me about this post having great timing for tough things happening in their own lives right now. So since we all have-at times-stressful jobs, I thought I’d share.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HlqWaWtsmw
HELP!
What the HELL was I thinking??
LUCY THE BEAR

Picture by 7 yo girl, 9 months after parental divorce; mother’s grief suppressed, then uncovered in sessions. Child’s presenting problems had been poor school performance and angry acting-out.
Lucy the Bear

Lucy had one ear. The other ear had fallen off. She had two legs and two arms. She was very happy.

The End
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