

Title: When You Come Into My Room by Stephen A. Schmidt

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Reflection

A patient with an incurable disease who has been going through surgeries for the past 12 years explain his dreadful experience, he shares the feeling of despair and helplessness. He chose to express in a poem format and I believe this format came out as an effective way of channelling emotions, and the experience he shares could not have been portrayed more beautifully. We choose to conceal our feelings from the world, sometimes even from ourselves. However, channelling it through the poem and giving it words become untouched memories and sentiments. In my opinion, this format is an effective way of understanding the feelings of the patient about his physician. The rhyming style adopted by the patient is unique itself in displaying his chronic illness and awareness of the fact that he is going to spend most of his time in the hospital. Therefore, he chooses to pour his heart out by writing a poetic diction.

As the author writes “When you come into my room, promise me presence”, he wishes the physician to be enlightened by the fact that he is a human being clinging onto his faith with a constant need for someone to sustain it. I remember once I was admitted in a hospital with pneumonia. The doctor treating me was not observant of that fact that I desperately missed my family and was ready for any sort of treatment for my condition as long as it meant I could go home and be with them. The doctor delayed my transthoracic biopsy. He was a professional but due to his commitments, he could not provide me with his full attention. I would like to conclude my analysis with a recommendation that exchange of emotions and feelings between a doctor and a patient can prove to be an alternative medicine.

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