

to you and to the whole university

thirty years at the medical coalface
beginning with promise
ending in - not despair
but disorientation
still there is time
for breakthrough
yes some decent science
more patient help
but the heroic moment
if I can show -
complete clearing of the carotid
with this cocktail
eureka! we are transformed
and all our life would seem
a preparation for this moment
yet can it be the poetry
which will save them
and me