



Blood test (and urine)

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Bloodworks and urine
pickaxe and hoe. Half-
a-day of fasting, water
stocked to go. Between
needle and bladder, I'm
actually gladder for such
a need pressing to make
bleeding less depressing.
Cross-legged croissant
on the edge of a seat,
where was fear then,
where was defeat? The
threat of the needle point
the barrel of blood let
is a gnat to a warrior
seeking a toilet. Oh for
the grail, the paper cup
to pee, lest I forget, gently
reminded me, for all the
talk of thickness, of bloody
wars to fight, there are
the humbler waterworks
that test up all one's might.

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