



Informed consent

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I stare at
the printed page.
The letters
stare back at me.

The words grow
tall with 3-D fonts,
and become a maze
for a game of
Hide and Seek;
Doubt tangles with Dare
and Hope with Despair.

The printed form
is adorned in secrets.
Hidden between the lines
are frightening 'ifs' and 'buts'.
And then there are 'cons'...
they weigh heavily on the
seemingly feather-light 'pros'.

Even a comma
or a full stop,
shouts for attention,
while blank spaces
-Diabolical-
goad one to imagine
an uncertain future
that fills one with fear of the unknown.

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As the theatre
opens for the show,
luminescent lights
become benevolent halos.
The eyes blink, bedazzled,
but a path
becomes clear...
It is time
for a leap of faith.

I place my pen over
the dotted line,
and sign
...a treaty
...a power of attorney
Or mere formality?

As the ink dries
I hope...
just as the power above
guides the pen,
so also will it
guide the scalpel
and secure my destiny.
