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## Hospital Fugue

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This cacophonous polyphony of machines  
with no rest between phrases, spirals  
into chaotic counterpoint, echoing  
in the wards of the hospital  
in the chambers of my mind.

Like a lifeless concerto of soloists  
vying for the attention of exhausted ears,  
robotic dissonance saturates  
each note with the subtle flavor  
of an anxious, never-ending *stretto*.

The vital essence of lives, reduced  
to a minimalistic fugue of discordant beeps  
in a distortion of harmony by this uninspired  
monotony of clashing polychords, brews  
a messy accompaniment to stories of illness.

On this *ostinato* of digital beats  
float the voices of the white coats,  
dictating in a monotonous *presto*  
like rappers who lost their cadence.  
Period. New line.

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