I've wanted to tell you...

I've wanted to tell you for a long time now Remember that day? The day I'd got up my nerve I wanted to talk to talk about... What do you call them? Survival statistics I wanted to know the odds

And you were so busy that day I remember you were busy I'd waited for weeks to talk with you getting up my nerve, you know searching the internet and crying crying and searching, searching and crying But today I wanted to ask I was really ready to ask

You looked at me with kindness (You have compassionate eyes, you know) You were apologetic Do you remember? You said, I'm really behind today. Could we talk while I do your pelvic? Sure, I said. And that was the end of that conversation Feet up in stirrups tools, then hands, exploring my vagina, my absent womb I just couldn't ask

And I know you are a good doctor And I know you care But I wonder if you remember that day That day you palpated my pelvic cavity, my feet in stirrups, and I couldn't ask. Published in Doctor-Nurse-Patient Dialogue: Poetry/Prose Anthology, Zimlicki P, Coppock D. (eds) 2009.