

FM REVIEW 2015 19 COMMENTS

COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This poem is about the death of a well-known and liked patient. I agree with reviewer 1 that it is not a strong poem. It is too literal, and the patient, despite the author's obvious fondness for her, does not really come to life. I thought about ways of reworking it, but could not find any way to revise it that would succeed. I think if it were rewritten to show more of the author's relationship with the patient, as reviewer 2 suggest, it could be a good narrative essay. Therefore I am recommending reject and resubmit.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Thank you for this poem about the death of a well-known patient. Unfortunately, it does not succeed sufficiently as poetry to merit acceptance. It is really more of a narrative. If you were to recraft this story as a prose piece, perhaps developing the nature of your relationship with the patient and therefore what her death meant to you, we would be pleased to reconsider it. The last three lines are powerful and we encourage you to retain them in any further revisions. The title is also excellent and makes the reader want to know more.