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Based on my review and on reviewer comments I am not able to accept your submission. However, we would like you to consider a major revision. Submitting a revised version is not a guarantee of publication.

Please look carefully at Reviewer 3's suggestions, which address many of the problems that Reviewer 2 struggled with. In addition, please consider Reviewer 1's concern regarding lack of emotional resonance. Can you show the effects of these annoying sounds on the narrator? Also, while you describe accurately the noises of the MRI, please be sensitive to clichés that spring to mind when thinking about being inside the MRI machine. Finally, the image of the gondola, while a vivid one, seems entirely at odds and out of place with the sounds of jackhammers etc. Can you tie together the peace of the drifting boat with the cacophony inside your "gondola"?

DECISION LETTER 3: Based on my review and on reviewer comments I am requesting one further change in your submission. I apologize for perhaps seeming to nitpick and hope you understand that my intent is to get each word and image as perfect as possible. I also apologize for not catching this concern in a previous version. Specifically, when I read the last stanza, it does not make sense for the gondola to be gliding "through" the bridge. This discordance detracts, in my view, from the beauty of the image. Perhaps you can change this to: "skimming back and forth/under the low-arched bridge"? Otherwise, the poem beautifully captures the unnerving parallels and sad contrast between the MRI machine and the gondola.

DECISION LETTER 4: I am pleased to inform you that your work has now been accepted for publication in *Families, Systems, and Health*. I appreciate your patience in fine-tuning this poem. I hope you agree that each word is perfect and perfectly placed. It illuminates the experience of the MRI machine in creative and poignant ways.