**8 Ways to Look at Cancer**

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I.

The abnormal cell spasms and matures in the body.

II.

The young and healthy body doesn’t even

Know a war is waging…

Be prepared to fight.

The malignancy won’t stop until it is satisfied.

III.

Bravery is a lie told

to comfort the wicked mind;

bravery is a lie told to

comfort the children:

one is angry, the other is seven.

IV.

“Oh mommy you’ll be fine!

You still look pretty.”

All the hair is gone from the body

leaving nothing but a skeletal figure.

V.

The horrific sting of vomit

burns the body’s throat –

leaning over the pan every

15 seconds.

VI.

Oh how the body wants to

scream, cry, and hate, but

selflessness over powers.

“My family… Stay strong for my family.”

VII.

Money? What money?

There is none left.

All the emergency room visits

and chemo treatments and long,

life threatening surgeries seized it.

They took everything else, why not

the money too?

VIII.

The doctors said the fight was over.

The recently forty year old mother had won.

Bittersweet emotions swarmed her head;

the cancer may be gone, but the damage had

already been done.