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What is it like to experience a debilitating, potentially life-threatening illness or to encounter the health care environment, perhaps for the first time, from a position of vulnerability? In reading patients' stories, physicians can come to see themselves and the often times unsettling medical encounter through others' eyes. When patients - including physicians who have become patients - voice their most intimate thoughts, feelings, and reactions, much can be learned.

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