

Doctor, I know that you are busy –  
Hospital traffic, buzzing, weaving in and out,  
But I'm your patient and I've been patient.  
B r e a t h e for a minute to feel what I'm all about.

Doctor, I know that you went to med school:  
Myocardial infarction and ventricular fibrillation  
Sound like jtnelxmehwieur paojwelrksjfm.  
Don't assume I know and need no explanation.

Doctor, I know that you are human –  
You [----] up, you make mistakes;  
But Doctor I refuse to be *your* statistic  
Your errors can't be on me. I have too much at stake.

Doctor, I know that you feel awkward  
When questioning me if I have sex and if I smoke crack  
But vulnerability and fragility is / has been our backdrop  
If you don't ask, I'll never look back, never, ever look back

Doctor, I know that you're scared  
Playing God, walking life and death, the line  
Please Please hold my hand as I slip to sleep  
And promise me life will turn out just fine.

Doctor, I know that you are tired  
And I'm just a name on the list for you fill-in.  
Wake up, Doctor! Welcome to my crisis!  
With our rendezvous I'm going all-in.

Doctor, I know that you can't hear me –  
My pain and suffering won't echo echo echo.  
HELP ME ESCAPE FROM MY OWN BODY!  
I'm trapped by my illness, sickness is my pseudo.

Doctor, I know that you are tired.  
Doctor, I know that you are busy.  
Doctor, I know that you feel awkward.  
Doctor, I know that you can't hear me.  
Doctor, please?

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