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A NEUROLOGY ROTATION IN HAIKU

Dancing atria,
Emboli are everywhere.
Push the tPA.

My hands are dancing.
C-A-Gs, just like my dad.
What about my son?

Many flashing lights,
Pounding will be here shortly.
Need to dim the lights.

They say I am nuts,
But my pain says something else.
Where is my lesion?

Thumb twitch, now my arm.
Next thing I know, on the floor.
The march of Jackson.

Swoosh, swoosh. My neck hums.
Limb jumping calls for a stent.
Neck no longer sings.

A machine draws breath.
Eyes closed, failed apnea test.
How do I say bye?

I want to walk now!
Once I start, I cannot stop.
My sadness is masked.

Morphine slightly numbs.
Pain is more than mu, kappa.
Laughter can still work.

Can't get the words out.
My silence is killing me.
Sing a song with me.

Eyes droopy, speech slurred.
After edrophonium,
I am a new man!

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