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Quoth the Doctors

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Correspondence to Ms. Allen: allenkn@dukes.jmu.edu The glia make a myelin sheath, (a blanket with axon beneath). This helps the neuron act with haste, until by MS it's laid waste. Could MS come from Mom or Dad; perhaps some virus that was had; or vitamin D that was too low? Quoth the doctors, "We don't know."

Amazing is the MRI!
It shows us what and where and why.
In seeing deep within our heads,
it helps reveal the good in meds
and diagnoses with its view.
With all an MRI can do,
there's sure to be a cure, I bet!
Quoth the doctors, "No, not yet."

Imagine now this scary scene:
of plaques and lesions unforeseen;
of limbs not feeling, with no might;
of words forgot, and double sight.
MS can be a tragedy,
or just a worry none can see.
So being sure not to delude,
Quoth the doctors, "Some are screwed."

But wait, let's not succumb to fear!
The answers could be very near.
We'll study, work, and concentrate
on trying to remyelinate.
With MS cured – and once again
our neurons wrapped in myelin –
we'll solve the riddles we explore.
Then doctors shall quoth "Nevermore!"



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