

Fishing in the dark

Jennifer Chu, MD

Correspondence to
Dr. Chu:
jgchu@bcm.edu

I was fourteen when my grandfather told me he had a tumor
In his brain and that we should go fishing again
It was in late summer, when the lake was high with trout
And he carried me on the back seat of his red bicycle
As we wheeled over patches of overgrown moss in the woods
He could not remember the trail to the lake
But we followed the rectangular signs until dusk
And we stood before dark waters to cast our lines
I watched as my grandfather's arm dipped up and down
Holding on with care but thin as an old bamboo fishing rod
His other hand swatting at black flies, making arcs around them
We were standing for a long time in nature's quiescence
Until the first ripples and waves signaled a presence
That would ultimately reveal itself from its surroundings
The trout is not the hard one to catch
He was silent for a moment and then let out a sigh
We stood together in the darkness of night with our lines ready

Neurology®

Fishing in the dark

Jennifer Chu

Neurology 2014;82;543

DOI 10.1212/WNL.0000000000000109

This information is current as of February 10, 2014

Updated Information & Services	including high resolution figures, can be found at: http://n.neurology.org/content/82/6/543.full
Subspecialty Collections	This article, along with others on similar topics, appears in the following collection(s): All Oncology http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/all_oncology Primary brain tumor http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/primary_brain_tumor
Permissions & Licensing	Information about reproducing this article in parts (figures, tables) or in its entirety can be found online at: http://www.neurology.org/about/about_the_journal#permissions
Reprints	Information about ordering reprints can be found online: http://n.neurology.org/subscribers/advertise

Neurology® is the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Published continuously since 1951, it is now a weekly with 48 issues per year. Copyright © 2014 American Academy of Neurology. All rights reserved. Print ISSN: 0028-3878. Online ISSN: 1526-632X.

