

# Infantile spasms

## A crescendo of anguish

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Her MRI paints an unnerving tale  
Honest truths announce themselves  
In black and white  
Ominous, for all to see

Stirring softly  
Through peeking light beams  
A sweet young cherub  
Gently rises from comforting slumber

Yet her fragile innocence is interrupted  
By a sinister veil of noxious fog  
Descending, cloaking  
Suffocating

Stunned by electric incursions  
Her innocent eyes deviate  
And empty pupils bleed black  
Seeping darkness

### SPASM

Alone with her captor  
Cornered and afraid  
Too young to understand  
Helpless, she jolts

### SPASM

Powerless from within  
Her little limbs thud  
While tears tumble  
Down her chubby baby cheeks

### SPASM

With each surging wave  
She stiffens  
Palms pricked by miniature fingernails  
Concealed under clenched fists

SPASM

An audible crack  
As tiny teeth grate  
Trickling stark red  
Onto new velvet lips

SPASM

The inescapable inevitability  
Gathers a rhythmic momentum  
Of distress

SPASM

And anguish

SPASM

Her fearful wails  
Abruptly cut with each assault

Imprisoned by the frenzy  
She catches her breath  
Just for a moment

Before the crescendo  
Of this epileptic cluster bomb  
As perpetual explosions relentlessly fire  
Again  
And again  
And again  
In an endless circle of misery

Then  
Stillness

An uneasy tranquility

The manufactured relief of sedation  
Summons synthetic sleep  
While her tormenter impatiently waits

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