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Cancer, Why Choose Me?

You have chosen me,
Though, it is not clear.
I fear not death,
Though, I know it is near.

I tremble at your name,
My body riddles with the pain.
I know you have come for me,
I know not, why I feel such ease.

Never have I invited you,
Never have I welcomed you,
Yet still, you remain.

Once upon a time, I was free from you.
Yet, you came back and intruded.
My family hates you,
But me... I just tolerate you.

The fight in me has renewed,
Though, my hair has yet to return.
I feel your deep dark presence surrounding me
Even though outside the sun shines amazingly bright.

I can hardly get up from my bed now unassisted,
Though, through God's grace,
My spirit stands tall.

I forgave you the last time, for
Choosing me,
But this is the fifth time, and I can
No longer see.

See the joy that once engulfed me...
These treatments make me all so sad,
I know you are almost done with me
Yet, still I plead...

Plead with you to let me go,
Let me go now, so I can breathe,
Breathe again, this time, without passing out,
Passing out beyond return
My very soul is begging for release,
Though, simultaneously I am not ready to leave.

This chemo, has really taken me over,
I know not, why you chose me.

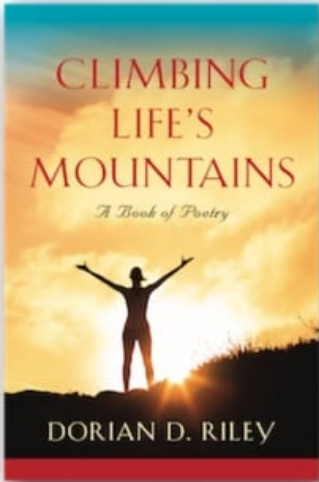
I hid your return from my family,
As I bravely pretend.

Pretend that you do not have me down, yet once again.

I pretend that you will let me go,
Just like the many times before.

I would rather you not choose another.
Never would I want to see my family, as they now see me.

So, for now, I will remain at ease,
Hoping one day soon, you will spare me, please.



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