

Mortification

"Triumph Of Mercy"

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Weeks of hideous pain bent me down
Doctor gave me Aspirin to ease the pain
Soon a blood test revealed the brutal force
I had been inflicted with the worst leukemia

Chemotherapy began the process off
Powerful but destructive drugs infused into my blood
The only way out, but hideous pain
Cry out to God in the night
He blesses his children with sleep

But little did I know that the real pain was coming
What is known as a bone marrow transplant
Was my only chance they said
Chemotherapy was just a one percent chance

But if I could find a donor with identical stem cells
I could have a twenty-five to forty percent
Chance of cure, survival

Seventy-eight percent of sufferers never find a donor
But something interesting was there in my case
God had given me my father's stem cells
Perfect for the transplant

God doesn't work by percentages
We trusted God with all our heart
My dad had skin cancer, any remaining melanoma
Would surely have taken my life

The immense suffering of a bone marrow transplant
Cannot be put into words
As I lay in my living nightmare
I cried out to God, who is always there

Two days had gone past the limit to produce
The blood for me to survive
Doctors with empty faces entered the room
To share the devastating news

I needed a second transplant or I would surely die
We were told the second transplant usually didn't work

But was my only hope

We needed a miracle from God
We felt his power fill the room
Peace overcame fear
As we gave up control to the almighty

Astonishment, joy and disbelief was felt by family
Medical staff and doctors were shocked with the realization
That the original stem cells had begun to work
God performed a miracle and the blood began its count

Soon the graft had taken, I was on the road home
As I was discharged we prayed that all would work
Weeks of pain followed as my body fought to live
The devastating pain was a real sick affair

I forced myself on walks and to eat each day
But the immense pain was more than I can say
Was more than I can say

As I struggled to live on and fight the sickness war
We were told by doctors that the cancer had returned
Two weeks I was given but we had had enough
We were ready to hand all to God

No more treatment I announced to the cancer doctor
Standing there I was in God's hands
Then suddenly one day a double seizure struck me down
Family gathered round to see my final hours

Countless damage had racked my body leaving me half dead
I couldn't walk, I couldn't see, my insides were badly hurt
It seemed it was the end for me

Warrior upon warrior, around our distant globe
Kept the vigil fight of prayer and power that can't be stopped
And as the folks cried out to God
He heard them and I live to stand for him

A lot more special days
God has given me peace and comfort all along
As I have cried out to his grace
The joy is overwhelming

He has the power to heal
He has the power to save
As we trust in his mercy
We know that we are safe

I know that I am healed

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