

## Essence

### "Blood Culture"

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It starts with the nature of the human race  
As cryptic phantom symptoms  
All dwelling in the thinnest veins but  
Nothing can reveal the course for this pain  
No biopsy or surgery will tell what lies inside of me  
Vascular system infected by bacteria  
Lymphatic system's overheating - WBCs are  
decreasing  
Due to leucopenia caused by Zotepine  
Rubor, Dolor, Calor, Tumor  
Inflammation causing me to die  
Inject the meds into my blood  
Purify my inner thoughts  
Running through my veins  
Do it again I must  
To cleanse my blood  
Infected is my system; now a system of decay  
Functio lesa, paralysis, toxic venom  
Constant spreading through my veins  
Central nervous system is shutting down  
As my heart begins to fail I feel the pain of pinching  
nails  
It's a needle penetrating the main artery  
Delivering pure life in the form of penicillin  
Now I'm healed, oh so healed  
But it's only until it starts again

#### [CHORUS]

Now the fight is on to be  
Hanging in there but  
There seems to be no hope for me  
All is gone -- nothing left  
Except for one final crucial test  
Please medicate my soul  
Insanity is lurking and it's going to take control  
Of a corpus oh so weak  
Inject the meds into my blood stream  
At last my system is recovering from  
Severe intoxication and from decontaminating  
Biological warfare is saving all of me  
Though my mind is scarred for life

I am grateful I survived so now it's time  
To leave this hospital for good  
And to live the life I want  
Not fearing what is in my blood  
I want it all -- I don't care what it may cost  
I want it all -- I won't waste this second chance I got

[CHORUS]

[Blood Culture:

A blood culture is done when a person has symptoms  
of a blood infection, also called bacteremia,  
Blood is drawn from the person one or more times and  
is tested in a laboratory to find and identify any  
microorganism present and growing in the blood,  
If a microorganism is found, more testing is done to  
determine the antibiotics that will be effective in  
treating the infection.]

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