

## Poem (Lyric)

## Rhythm

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*Life is the rhythmic song needing to play with heart. Medicine is the tuner for the rhythmic life.*

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Lie on the table  
On  
The lights  
Still  
The room  
A soft voice  
Muffled  
Counts backward from a hundred  
Until

Slows to a stop  
The rhythm of numbers  
Never gets to one  
Signs  
Checked  
Surgeries  
Going on

The beeps  
Speed up  
The beeps  
Slow down  
It's tempo for the surgeon  
The symphony  
A never-before tried version  
Being conducted

The bass player  
The anesthesiologist  
Stick on the metronome  
Repeated  
Or  
Impromptu  
Ensures the beeping rhythm  
In good pace

Ups and downs  
The wind out

The wind in  
The ventilator  
Ensures air supply  
Has not a single disruption

The soloist  
Plays instruments  
With steady hands  
From hand to hand  
Beautifully  
The heart  
In rhythm

Time marched on  
The pace  
The rhythm  
Kept  
Until  
The piece  
Completed  
No cheers  
No standing ovations  
But  
The doctors knew  
They had succeeded ■

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