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poems  
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## Section

Nitesh Painuly

You need to come to the hospital.  
No, I don't.

We will look after you.  
Please don't bother.

You are unwell.  
I know.

I am concerned.  
Don't be.

I am afraid, I have to be.  
Yes, you are at risk too.

You have no insight.  
Do you have?

You have no capacity.  
I have no capacity to resist you.

I have to decide on your behalf.  
I'll let you believe that.

Section! How do you feel?  
How do *you* feel?

Well . . . I have to keep *us* safe.  
Staying alive is not safe for me, don't know about you.

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