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A year has passed, a twinkling of an eye  
A year of redemption after a sentence to die  
A message given of doom and gloom  
Delivered frankly in a cosy hospital room

A diagnosis of rare disease  
A message of fear to wobble knees  
September 23 my diagnosis day  
Our own D-day invitation to affray

Simple in content yet hard to take  
Initial challenge surely a mistake?  
Acceptance of the dire diagnosis  
Immediate question is what prognosis?

Death in Days or weeks as worst case  
So what's the plan to win this race?  
Morbid thoughts too cruel to mention  
Are dismissed in response filled with tension

A rare form of leukaemia  
Acute and active its anathema  
Hallelujah, for some there is a cure  
But treatment can be fatal to endure

Although new to us this terminal curse  
We place our trust in those who nurse  
A therapy exists proven and bold  
A savage cure but not for the old

Fear set aside to obtain the facts  
Questions asked to understand who acts  
Yet more investigation and examination  
With palliative care to defer termination

Chemotherapy is the way  
We need to be sure I can survive its stay  
Horizon set at a single cycle no more  
Halloween a target as never before

Heart and liver, spleen and lung  
All must be heathy as a bell to be wrung

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Of vitality and daily mission  
To beat the cancer into first remission

A vital action to insert a line  
To deliver poison yet remain benign  
A surgical act of cruel precision  
I'll remain aware during incision

In parallel Daily life is set aside  
To assure provision for daughter and bride  
Insurance, will, money and bling  
All need review and safe handling

And so it began that fateful day  
Unknown to us the future way  
But we bravely faced the bitter strife  
To beat the cancer and keep my life

And via This crass piece of verse  
The message given short and terse  
Is don't surrender to the cancer  
Love and family are the answer

(Written a year on, on same wet grey day  
A surprise here, Marbella way  
In a single sitting without review  
I accept my luck and enjoy the view)