

## Malevolence caged

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Malevolence caged in a corner the fear remains  
It escapes raw and ugly to reclaim its domain  
A traitor to order disturbed as an unmade bed  
Bites at memory messes with your head

A newspaper read a stranger unknown  
Who shared an illness brings it all home  
A young life lost a desperate and futile fight  
Four chemo cycles failed to save her plight

The cancer gone is our solemn belief  
Every day and blood test brings relief  
The reminder is there cruel and final  
Believe in yourself and strong denial

Each cycle of treatment a chemical knife  
It cleaves cell and body to save a life  
But the price is high the cost is great  
It destroys as it saves an awful fate

For most the balance tips the wrong way  
Their only choice is love enjoy their last day  
I fought, I struggled and recall every day  
Those that supported me not let me fade away

But still it lingers as a rancorous smell  
It haunts our family maybe all is not well  
The challenge is clear do not let fear rule the day

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Keep the faith and fight keep the demon at bay