

## Hours in Time/Moments in Space

We sat around tables all day  
at the hospital;  
the television droned and hummed  
continuously.

We rose up and ate at six  
and took pills.

Once there was a party  
with cake

and I met Frank  
who wrote me a poem  
and told me to stop  
wanting to die.

Once we had dancing  
Patti danced;  
she had flame red hair.

I sang Love Lifted Me.

Once we went for a walk  
and once I painted a silver  
and orange ocean.

We played baseball  
and I had my hair done.

I helped with the other  
patients and volunteered  
to clean the toilets.

It was a long ten days.

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