

2011

An Uninvited Visitor

Marissa Friedman
New York Medical College

Follow this and additional works at: https://touroscholar.touro.edu/quill_and_scope



Part of the [Arts and Humanities Commons](#), [Higher Education Commons](#), and the [Medicine and Health Sciences Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Friedman, M. (2011). An Uninvited Visitor. *Quill & Scope*, 4 (1). Retrieved from

This Poetry and Creative Writing is brought to you for free and open access by the Students at Touro Scholar. It has been accepted for inclusion in Quill & Scope by an authorized editor of Touro Scholar. . For more information, please contact touro.scholar@touro.edu.



Matters of the Heart

Marissa Friedman

We can repair a patent foramen ovale,
and give nitroglycerin for angina.
We can solve the problems of congenital anomaly,
or try complementary and alternative medicine from China.

We can place a percutaneous stent.
Do triple coronary artery bypasses, or quadruples.
We can even perform a transplant,
only done according to the appropriate scruples.

Yes, modern medicine brings a plethora of methods anew,
but sometimes it's the heart's most common pathology
that leaves us feeling like we don't know what to do.
So alone we face the true last frontier of cardiology.

For even with all the things surgeons can put together and take apart,
there will never be the right medical treatment to cure the broken heart.