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In practicing medicine, it is easy to lose sight of humanity. Algorithms, electronic health records, and numerical lab values dictate the next step in care. Patients' faces become a blur in the background on the stage of modern medicine. Everyday becomes a monotonous management of numbers. For healthcare providers, this contributes to burnout. On the other hand, for the individual seeking care, their diagnoses, their losses, their success become a whole world of impact. The highs are so high, and the lows are so low. When providers can come to that understanding, suddenly each patient interaction is a world opened and a connection to the human experience made. This picture is a celebration of that human experience, which is not always joyous, but with a fair bit of lows. It is with these lows, however, that we know we are persevering in the human tradition which makes the celebration of "Grief" just as important.

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