

Cancer Surgery

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The gentlest blade is the sharpest blade
provided that the mind is keen,
knowing how the body's made
finding layers that can't be seen.

Bobbing for apples this is not:
the left hand first must find and hold
present, position, just-so-taut.
Only then can the blade be bold

and draw like the bow of a violin
till the time comes to be delicate,
then draw like a brush, or the finest pen,
till good and evil separate.

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