

## THE SPECIALIST

Confident in step and hand,  
cachet of well-trained youth  
in a 21st century office--  
Yet his eyes are ancient.  
He listens with them,  
connecting deep  
inside the asking eyes he faces.  
His patients-- the ones beyond  
sophistication's pose,  
will tell you  
he has hearing of the heart.

Thursday I needed  
more than bottled nostrums  
and prescribed smoothespeak,  
more than surgical steel wizardry.

Consulting this practitioner  
of modern internal medicine,  
I recalled that blue is a cool color,  
but his irises radiated indigo warmth  
as they incised confusion and fear.  
He filled me with natural supplements  
I didn't have to measure and swallow.  
He applied non-synthetic balm.

Beneath the obvious malady,  
my hidden sore was painlessly lanced.  
And I slept in the healing ward.