

A DOCTOR I SET OUT TO BE

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Until they stripped away from me:
The heart they took
The eyes to see
The brain to ask why
The ears to hear
The tongue that said, "I'm here"
The hands that touched
The feet that walked
Side by side
With many.

These they took
Now none remain
Sadder still
I watch and pray
To you my child
Your gifts will stay
A doctor you've set out to be
Pray you don't end up like me.

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