

Listen To Your Patient

The early students of medicine
marched from classroom into business,
seldom pausing to listen
to patients,
to preceptors,
to prescience.

Then along came an Osler
who set down the clinicals,
the residency,
and proclaimed
that the history
was unequalled.

“Listen to your patient,
they are telling you the diagnosis”
Do it with equanimity,
imperturbability,
for so hearing will
bring you to gnosis.

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