

# Final Diagnosis

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SO it's official, the freezer has a problem. It took six weeks,  
multiple appliance specialists and too much testing, but they did  
prove  
my ice cream is not cold enough.

I thaw the taciturn repairman in six seconds.

*What do you do*, he asks.

*I'm a physician*, I say.

*They gave me six months to live, but I know I was being killed by the  
medicines.*

*Thirty years later, I can tell you the secret of health is supplements  
and energy patterns  
and the secret is within us – the patients  
and doctors are dangerous.*

I wonder what specialists touched him

and what tests were done

and how much time he spent without a diagnosis.

I work to reframe the discussion, hoping his discarded drill doesn't  
mar the granite.

*I'm not religious anymore, but the power is within to heal*

*and the deity is within all of us*

*and gives us that power to heal*

*and the deity has forgotten.*

*Our minds make us ill, that and food coloring.*

So worldviews collide.

Models of medicine clash in the kitchen.

*Health care reform isn't reform, it's refinancing.*

*Ending education at 5th grade*

*and legalizing marijuana and heroin will do more than  
this reform*

*and euthanasia benefits us more than anatomy class.*

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I liked anatomy, but tonight I learned the secret. The problem is in  
the freezer's mind

and the freezer is an extension of the deity  
and the deity has forgotten  
about my ice cream.