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Father and Daughter: A Father's Guidance

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DAD'S at work, dad will be late, dad will see you tomorrow, he's at the hospital
I'll never do medicine
Do what makes you happy, he says

Tests, fear of failure, fear of not making it, stress, tears
I don't want to be in medical school anymore
Do what makes you happy, he says

Sickness, angry surgeons, blood, death, missed birthdays, life passing me by
I can't make it through residency
Do what makes you happy, he says

Accomplishment, competency, easing pain, saving life, healing
Joy from my work
Ah, you understand, he says
We do what makes us happy

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