V.I.P. Patient

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The scariest patient
Relative of a friend

No sudoku, no crossword
Focus beginning to end

Induction goes smoothly
At first all is well

But with the incision
It all goes to hell

Give more and more drugs
Propofol, morphine, and sux

Despite epic doses
He shudders and bucks

Quips from the gallery
Some helpful most mean

“Turn up the gas”
“Another coin for the machine”
Recheck my syringes
Recheck my I.V.

Patient still moving
People screaming at me

Awake and still thrashing
Whatever I do

Bolt upright as always
I'm awake too