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## Handsome cat

Cocooned in her blanket  
She asks again  
If I've seen the kitten's photo  
Framed at her bedside

He's a big tabby now  
And you should see his markings  
You should see him now  
He is such a handsome cat

All alone in a four bed ward  
Her youth stolen by tainted blood  
Now cancer invades her  
All alone, no one visits

Oncology promised to assess her  
No notes in the chart  
They haven't come  
We remind them once again

With each day  
Her will drains  
She barely eats  
And it grows

Twice more  
We do our dance  
As her walker gathers dust  
As hope fades

Have you seen him?  
You should see him now  
You should see his markings  
He's such a handsome cat

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