

POEM

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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