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# **Paper Cuts**

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Marie Lim, General Medicine, Colchester General Hospital, Colchester, UK. E-mail: marie.lim@doctors.org.uk Green is the colour of life A lifetime written on green paper Citalopram, furosemide, simvastatin A lifetime of ills placated by ink "I take everything my doctor prescribes" Unwavering confidence Hands clutching an enduring existence Bound by a motley of remedies Cure, or affliction? A panacea they are not Safety — Stifling, sickly A Gothel to her ward A thousand paper cuts Soothed in rationale Watch as vigor renewed From a pharmacon of less Green is the colour of death

Through prudent medicament choices

But one easily remedied

Life's sweet simplicity anew

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