

Blood donation must go on

ABSTRACT

Reacting to the repeated messages on his phone, the blood donor goes to a blood center and donates his AB Rh D negative blood. There, he sees the blood center technician whose mother requires this rare blood unit as she is undergoing treatment at the hospital. The very act of blood donation is soul-satisfying for him as he pens down his experience in the configuration of a poem.

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On a Sunday afternoon, while checking my phone,
A message appeared to donate blood and not to postpone,
On walking down the street, my heart started thumping hard,
While, I saw the wailing patients, and heard them groan

When I got to the blood center and sat down to fill the form,
Kapil greeted me very nice and warm,
Guiding me gently to the chair for the deed,
Easy in a manner yet friendly as per their norm

Out came the rare AB negative blood through my vein,
Gently flowing into the blood bag on the rocking tray,
Kapil kept standing by me with gratitude in his eyes,
Comforting me throughout and never left me astray

Within a few minutes, the act was over and the bag was carried
away,
He thanked me and told “Sir, for your act of kindness, I can
hardly repay”,
The uncommon blood type that runs in your veins
Shall help my frail mother, as her treatment is underway

I sipped my drink pondering why someone would refrain,
To lose little volume, yet so much more to gain,
Many exclaimed “ask not, for we are too busy to donate”,
Innocently ruining all his endeavours in vain

Posters although good, are never good enough to recruit people,
Poems fade and emotions are fickle
Desire to donate and help others must occur from within,
In order to pass on the gift of life, that continues on living

Life is short, so help someone before it has gone,
Words must turn into deeds, from dusk to dawn,
I knew for a fact that, giving my blood today,
Would certainly help his mother live, happily long

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