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This is an “Ode to Neurology” written in five stanzas each of which has 10 lines and rhymes with the same scheme throughout the whole piece (AB AB CDE CDE). Structural format for the piece was chosen based on the famous “Ode to a Nightingale” by John Keats.

Ode to Neurology

A long long time ago in the past,
Some organisms, called jellyfishes, began their lives.
A nervous system was their uniqueness and maybe a reason of which they’re so vast:
Provided them with senses and some motor functions, it was clearly why they started to thrive.
All things aside, they successfully survived.
The evolving world never stood a chance
To find a thing so perplexing and paramount for the whole humankind.
It is the point the Neurology appeared,
A point so crucial from which it advanced.
But there is me and there is Neurology, bear in mind. So why did it really come to my mind?

Let’s begin from my decision.
My dream profession and main idea to know and guide a human being,
Was planted back in my childhood years with a vision.
A vision so true, so foreseeing, directed to people’s well-being -
A doctor I should seek to become in my future.
Later on I self-improved and got to know some things about my ambition:
I said I cannot dive to this conclusion blindfold.
And then I saw first patients and first wounds with surgical sutures,
A doctor’s life and his mission,
A purpose so sweet, satisfactory, so essential - it was the point when all was told!

My study years have just begun
And all the specialties there are were being deeply studied so far.
But suddenly my 5th year’s almost done.
A time to choose, to specialise – it should already be on the radar.
How wonderful it is to have the chosen field!
The one that is close to the heart though was sadly encountered,
The one’s diseases I fear most myself.
I cannot wait to see the yield!
The knowledge awaiting might be unbounded,
The coming years will be certainly heartfelt.

I do believe in two main systems
With a central or peripheral localisation,
Acting like one but actually two different sisters.
Nevertheless, it always needs a thorough examination.
From head to toes, to different regions,
Always being attentive and always being prepared
To reach every gyrus and every structure in head.
A complex field with a lot of subregions, many places to find any lesions
Which can make you severely or mildly impaired.
To quickly explore and help all those people - what can be more exciting instead?

Where time isn’t money,
But it is brain.
Where one day it looks sunny,
The next you’re in pain.
Responsible and crucial for many vital functions
And widely spread in the whole body.
With a demand in detailed knowledge in pathophysiology and many other different -ologies
It forms conjunctions with a huge variety of dysfunctions.
And don’t forget it’s sometimes cloudy
For you to treat, for patients to think and be discreet. That’s what it is the Neurology.