

Home from the Doctor's *(for Ron)*

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the day she learned it had gone to her brain
she sat at the white baby grand
and played
the children's lessons spangled with stars,
hymns, easy pieces she knew by heart—
her healing art.
Mindlessly, she fingered the keys,
those narrow skiffs she knew could bear
the weight of her uncertainty
and carry her into that buoyant sea where
music beguiles mortality.

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