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They'd take over the hospitals and make them all linear
As straight as an arrow and some even skinnier
Practitioners would align on each side of a belt
At the end of the line, they;d collect at the gelt
Each plan would address a certain concern
Like a place for things broken , or a place to matern

Patients alike would be gathered together
To be hung on the belt, depending on whether
Things that were broken were in common, like legs
And they'd move one by one, being held up by pegs
The line would move slowly, each station they'd pass
Featured computerized treatment, the first would be gas

After hitting the ether, they'd be scrubbed up and cleaned
And the part that was broken would be X rayed machined
The doctors and nurses would be specialists waiting
For the next moving victim with hearts palpitating

The tools of their trade would be close to their sides
As the patients advanced slowly on these mechanized rides

They would slice, splint or sew every new case as it came
And they'd keep it all moving -cutting costs is their game
When the patient would come to the end of the line
Our Health Care would be billed for parts, labor and time
And patients would beam in anticipation
For the part that they played in this new automation

So we all owe a debt to the great Henry Ford
Who deftly attached the first running board?
In this present day we've converted his scheme
To a National Socialized Medical dream
We've come a long way from Ford's first motorcar
To the mechanized, sanitized hernia scar.