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## "SUSPICIOUS"

the doctor says,  
"Could be nothing,  
but there's a possibility..."  
The Big C? Not I.

I pray  
over breakfast cereal,  
under a sickle moon at midnight.  
Never prayed this much.  
God might not love a hypocrite.

I walk the dog  
beside the river.  
Never noticed that fallen tree  
or the duck that limps behind the others.  
Down a side street an old man yells,  
"Don't let your dog piss on my grass!"  
"Life's too short to..." I begin,  
He slams his door.

I apologize  
to tailgaters I blocked,  
dawdlers whose shopping carts I rammed,  
those I cut down with my words.

"Possibilities" swarm in my mind.  
In the end I'll probably die  
from over-scheduling:  
haircut, manicure, books to buy  
before the hospital,  
letters to write, bills to pay,  
and all those poems to send out,  
to give me immortality.

— *Constance Vogel*

## UNTITLED

Love is a catalyst,  
when it's in your heart  
it opens your eyes.  
Love is a catalyst,  
when it's gone  
you become  
a little less  
sound of  
mind.

— *Greg Brace*