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Henry Denander: Five Poems

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Modern times

My doctor has given me
Botox and Zoloft to try to
relieve my headaches.

Botox is a common
ingredient when you do
facelifts and Zoloft is
one of the most common
anti-depressants.

I am a Modern Man; these are
the drugs of our times.

Only the Viagra is missing,
my wife said.

Nice try.

Botox

My neurologist tried a new cure for my never ending
headaches; he injected ten shots of Botox into my
skull.

Botox, in the undiluted form, is a very strong poison
but apart from being used to cure severe headaches,
it's used in face lifts; by injecting it you loosen your
muscles and get rid of all the wrinkles in your face.

OK, I said to the doctor, but if all the wrinkles in my
forehead will go away; how will I be able to carry out
my job?

Don't my clients want to see me looking serious and worried?



Nursing

When I came back from the hospital
I wanted to tell my son about what

they had done to me;
 I'd suffered from a really painful
 kidney stone and I had rushed
 to the hospital to get it removed.
 I told him there'd been one doctor and
 two nurses present and I was about to tell how
 they had performed a cystoscopy; by inserting a
 long instrument through my very private parts
 they had removed the stone from my bladder.
 I told my 10-year old son
 the nurses had started by cleaning
 my "weenie".
 William interrupted me:
 – Did there really have to be two nurses to do that? he said
 It was a good question.

Beauty Sleep

I am sleeping with a CPAP,
 it's a device that blows
 air into my nose.
 For years I've been snoring heavily and
 suffered from sleep apnea.
 With this tube attached to my nose
 I no longer snore and I have a
 good sleep.
 But when I strap the mask on at night
 my wife realizes I no longer look like
 the handsome young man
 she married
 but more like Hannibal Lecter.
 But I think she prefers
 the Silence of the Lambs
 to the Thunder in the Night.

7 AM at the Zeus hotel

Because of a long swim in the sun yesterday and
 a three-hour long siesta in the afternoon, I wake up
 before 7 AM this morning.
 I sneak out of the room and take a table at the front
 of the hotel, overlooking the beach. No one else is
 around, no guests, only Paris Theodorakidis and
 his dog Astero.
 Paris gets me a cup of coffee and Astero leans her
 head on my leg. The small city of Tolo starts to
 wake up, there are deliveries of Loutraki water,

fish, fruit and vegetables. Some early swimmers are heading down to the beach.

After a while Paris gives me an omelet and some bread.

I have my notebook and the book on Mycenae, I drink coffee, pat the dog and write some stuff in my notebook.

Stuff like this.

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