

Mother's Intuition

The doctor came to see my Mum and this is what he said
"You've got too many old ideas running 'round your head
You've had a lifetime to yourself, until we came along
So you've believed you had good health, I'm sorry you were wrong"

"What you need's a check-up, to see just what you've got
But my early explorations suggest you've got the lot.
My diagnosis shows some bumps, we'd like to check them out
We'll run some tests, and send them off, and then give you a shout."

So we agreed, and some time on, the doctor called us back
We wandered down the corridor, his door opened a crack
Inside he rubbed his hands (with glee?) as he pored over the chart
And when we tapped, he jumped in fright; we'd given him a start.

Then he smiled as if he thought he'd try not to alarm us
He pointed to the test results, and shaped as if to warn us
We saw him struggling with the words with which he would inform
But when they came, he just smiled and reverted back to norm

"You've too much iron for you to use, your carbon stores are massive
This gas just here will make you fat, and that'll make you fractious
Uranium gives you nervous ticks, Aluminium is horrid,
One steals half your energy...both make half lives torrid."

"We call them 'rich deposits' and it's essential that they go
Luckily I have some friends, who are really in the know
Their job is to accelerate the speed we can extract"
"But can we trust them" my Mum said "as they go about their act"

"Of course we can, they're specialists, most from overseas,
We'll bring them in; they'll take them out, rid you of your disease
They'll send your 'rich deposits' to places far away
So they can be disposed of – and more, they'll even pay!"

"These specialists you talk of, they sound quite rich and wealthy
Please tell me that they really care, my skin feels good and healthy"
"Yes you're right, but don't be fooled – your deposits are below
That's why you have to trust us; we're the ones that know"

"These specialists, they're licensed, not the ones' I've seen on Telly?
Without licenses to operate things sometimes get quite smelly"
"No, we know them all, they've been before – they have our full consent
They're all allowed to operate, and extract to their heart's content"

"I'd hate to go through with an op to make these specialists wealthy
That in the process made me just a little more unhealthy..."
"Don't worry Mrs Nature, you'll soon be good as new
Just sign right here and trust us, that's what all the others do...."