## A Hand around My Finger

Lesley Silver, M.D., F.R.C.P.C.\*

A hand around my finger Squeezes to hold on, The light that fills your being Has been there just so long. The air you breathe in and out So much faster than mine, Your eventful life Is already a lifetime. Your bruised little body Engaged in constant fight, With the genetic injustice That was your birthright. If we can rise above This thing our eyes see: A fragile infant Fighting mortality, Then you can rise beyond Your preset destiny; Each battle that you win Closer to being free. The finger grasp is gone And you fade back into dreams, Where two legs carry you-No scars and no iv's. I carry on my way-Patients, problems, plans; But the image still persists Of my finger and your hand.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. lesleycasilver@gmail.com Accepted for publication March 8, 2012.