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An Anesthesia Resident's Prayer

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Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray this pager does not beep

Please no risky extubations
Please no lengthy explanations

Please no 4AM calls for section
Please no swallowed razors in corrections

In this county, please no riots
Keep all the guns locked up and quiet

Keep the drunks out of their cars
Keep rabble-rousers behind bars

Keep all jigsaws out of hands
Keep all the Nattys in their cans

Keep all the rusty knives in blocks
Let all the crack stay formed in rocks

Let all the brains stay mass effectless
Give all the semi-urgents breakfast

Let every epidural work
Let no vascular disasters lurk

Let nobody's water break
Let nobody's RLQ ache

Let me not hear that timeout bell
Let not one fetus have decels

Let no heart failure be end stage —
Beep beep beep... "This is anesthesia, returning a page..."

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