

Winning Poems in 2022 CFCP, Inc., Annual Contest

2. Short Poem, Second Place

**Otherwise, We Look So Normal**

When Aunt Mary was at Stanford Medical Center,  
My whole family gathered there during her surgery.  
We did what we always do.  
Apparently not all families behave like us.  
At the end of the day, as we were cleaning up,  
one timid candy-striper approached me, and said,  
*We've been talking about your family  
all day. We think you'd understand.  
We all agree: we haven't seen anything  
like your family since the King of the Gypsies  
came here to die.*

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