## **DIANE DRIEDGER**

## Oncologist

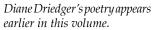
It's so big a cup taken from you breast We may have to take the rest

I'm paid to be paranoid you know Prognosis good? Not really Only 82% lifetime survival rate face twisted in syrupy smile

Death wish

Sterile sweet rose smelling hospital gown groping hands tapping on my back don't see me

rapier skull and crossbones





Diane Driedger, "Breast Cancer Picasso," 2008, watercolour, 17.5" x 26.5".



Diane Driedger, "Pennies from Heaven," 2008, watercolour, 21" x 24.5".