

**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's poetry appears  
earlier in this volume.*



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



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