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It's like getting ready for a first date
only different

Then I chose high heels
hoping for a sexy sway
Now I put on sensible shoes
to appear a person of substance
who deserves to live
Then I researched football
and other sports I knew boys liked
so I'd seem smart
but not as smart as they were
Now I research metastases
to show my doctor I know something
but not as much as he does
Then I applied liner and mascara
drawing bedroom eyes
Now I put on lipstick
to prove I care about myself,
so the doctor should care about me too
Then I wanted to be liked
Now I want to be saved
Then I pleaded
Choose me, choose me!
Choose me to be your girlfriend!
Now it is the same
Choose me to be the patient you love
the one you linger on for a moment
before plunging needle
into bone

Maybe it's not so different after all
It's all about yearning for something
just beyond reach

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