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Hi!



My name is Marleigh.

My grandpa says I'm marvelous.



Are you marvelous too?

My doctor says I have cancer.



I go to the hospital a lot.

My doctor peeks in my ears.



Look at me hold still like a statue.

He looks in my mouth.



Look at me open wide like a hippo!

My nurse checks my blood pressure.



The cuff gives my arm a little hug.

She checks my temperature.



I hold the thermometer under my tongue.

I get weighed and measured.



I think I'm bigger today.

It's time to check my oxygen.



Look at my finger glow.

The stethoscope listens to my heart.



It goes thump, thump like a drum.

After each test I get a Hero bead.



They remind me how brave I am.

Sometimes my mommy helps too.



I hold still for my finger poke.

I count to 5, then say, "Go!"



1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Done!

These are my tubies.



I call them Miss Blue and Miss Red.

Medicine goes in my tubies.



The medicine is to fight my cancer.

I take medicine in my mouth too.



I keep the syringes for later.

I like to play doctor.



My baby holds still just like me.

Sometimes I play on my hospital bed.



I like to make pictures for my friends.

Sometimes I play in the playroom.



There are lots of toys to have fun.

My animals come to the hospital.



I love to cuddle with them there.

Sometimes I feel sleepy and sick.



My stuffed animals sleep with me too.

I wash my hands carefully.



This helps keep the germs away.

I wear a mask when my counts are low.



Cozy the Port-a-Cat wears one too.

The medicine makes my hair go away.



My head is soft and tickley to touch.

I wear lots of hats.



They help keep my head warm.

My daddy always makes me giggle.



I love you daddy!

My mommy always makes me smile.



I love you mommy!

Aren't I...



...marvelous?

Look at you!



You're marvelous too!

