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### Un-hormonal and Unknown

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Six weeks of age So many pills

Hospital room Morning noon and night

So many questions, no answers

So many chances

Risks that need taken

Doctors confused

Keeping me alive

Giving me hormones

Making sure I survive

One maintains liquid

Six days spent in a hospital room Cortisol keeps my nerves in check

Another controls thyroid

Trying to figure out So many doctors, needles and pills

This medical mystery Hard conversations
Analyzing family history Emotional spills

More questions, no answers

Parents not amused

More symptoms, no answers

Blood test after blood test

CAT scan after CAT scan

Computers keeping me alive

A shot every night

To make sure I grow

To make sure I sleep

And things properly flow

Day by day

Hour by hour Panhypopituitarism

Minute by minute Not just my condition

But a challenge for life

Doctors keeping me alive A near impossible mission

Just hoping I survive A mission only possible with the Great Physician

Finally, a light

An answer

An end in sight

Not really...

Panhypopituitarism

Just a weird, long word to some

A medical nightmare for others