

THE BIG "C"

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"The big C" I heard someone call it
Another just whispered the word.
That we don't even dare to say "cancer" out loud
Gives it power it doesn't deserve.

So I'm giving that letter new meaning
And refusing to give in to fear
By reclaiming the power for you and for me
And by saying these words loud and clear:

Let the "C" be for "Cure" and "Compassion".
Let it stand for the "Candles" we light,
And a "Chorus" of voices shouting "You Can!"
To all who will take up this fight.

Let the "C" be for "Cash Contribution"
("Credit" or "Check" will work too).
Let it stand for "Commitment" and "Checkups" and "Cheer",
And the "Children" "Counting" on you.

Let it mean that we know our "Creator"
Is beside us each step of the way,
And remind us to "Call" on His strength and His love
And to "Celebrate" every new day.

To everyone facing this "Challenge"
I say it's a fight we "Can" win
Tell all who will listen that starting today,
The "C" is for "Courage", my friend.

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