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cancer is just a word's Journal

Monday, October 10, 2011 10:40 AM, CDT

pain



pneumonia.again.

*photo from last month

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Wednesday, August 24, 2011 11:45 AM, CDT

chemo sucks.

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Saturday, August 20, 2011 12:08 PM, CDT

pain

Struggling with an immense amount of pain, making it difficult to do much more than lay in bed or sit up in my wheelchair.

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Monday, August 15, 2011 3:23 PM, CDT

bone marrow aspiration rapidly approaching.

I am not ready for the amount of pain I will be in.

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Wednesday, August 10, 2011 3:58 PM, CDT

pain. :(

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Saturday, August 6, 2011 11:24 PM, CDT

I filled my photo album tonight.

It is mostly filled with photos from before I got sick, of friends who I cherish. I wish I could add more; the amount of love and support I have in my life can't be contained in a photo album. For those of you desiring more photo updates, on a daily basis, my personal blog is full of unnecessary pictures. (:

They are all in chronological order, and caringbridge destroys the quality of some photos, so excuse the pixelation. I still wanted those photos to be up here.

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Wednesday, August 3, 2011 12:55 PM, CDT

I am so well-loved.

I went through my computer today, after having a crash several weeks ago that wiped my drive of photos, and as I was looking through all the pictures that I salvaged, it really struck me how many people surround me through everything. I am so well loved, well cared for. I am a friend, a sister, and a *love*.

I am so grateful to be blessed with such support. That's all.

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Wednesday, July 27, 2011 9:50 PM, CDT

cancerous

There is a feeling growing within me,
laying deep-panic -seeds in my heart and mind,
it is undeniably malignant, yet unbearably slow-moving, deadly
as it wraps cold fingers around my life-spring and squeezes tight.
I cannot think enough to catch my breath, withdrawing.
I am not well; I am not myself.

drip-drop – poison staging an intravenous invasion,
a slow leak into my bloodstream; nausea
drowning out the screams of my every nerve ending
against the white-hot pressure of this pain,
the only proof of my life the arrhythmia in my chest.
the thump-th-thumping of resiliency fades.

A chill washes over me as sweat beads fill my brow,
as I systematically fail.
I am breaking with this fever,
I am shaking with my breath - I plead *mercy*.
This mutation has taken over my every cell, nucleic –
there is no relief from one's own body when one's pain is DNA.
I am not well; I am not myself.

Death motions me hither to come.

*all I want is to be
all I want is to be
all I want is to be.*

- Cara Goodman

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Wednesday, April 6, 2011 11:32 AM, CDT

helllllooooo, everyone!

doing so so so so much better.

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Monday, March 28, 2011 4:12 PM, CDT

Hi everyone - I am sick again. I am unsure of how much use this site will get, in all honesty. I am currently struggling to maintain a positive attitude in light of recent discoveries. For those of you who don't know me, I have been battling an aggressive lymphoma, My heart, liver, and kidneys cannot handle the stress are having difficulty keeping up with the chemotherapy. (I am currently on R-CODOX/IVAC)

Today is day four of oxygen supplementation. Until my oxygen saturation can hold in the nineties I will continue needing the help of SamWise, my oxygen tank.

I will say more later, after a nap.

Be well!

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