'Poem – Unspoken Wisdom, Unsung Heroes'

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On the cold metal table of the Anatomy Hall, each week our silent mentors lay, Batches of students come and go, but they are always there to stay.

Bearing with us as we poke and prod away,

Without shyness or reservation, they put up their limbs and organs for display, No words of complaint do they ever say,

Because they know that the part in our medical education that they play

Would make us better doctors one day.

Each session they enlighten us and show us the right way,

Teaching us things we can never possibly repay

And in this way, our doubts they clear and our fears they allay.

And by contributing themselves to this cause, they also remind us of the beauty that comes with teaching others, They illustrate to us how even after death, the benefit we bring to others can still linger.

And at the end of the day, it is these philosophical lessons that truly matters,
Because this is what shapes us as doctors and make us better,
Not just in our studies but also in our character.

And for all the lessons they have taught and the wisdom they have bestowed,

Sometimes it may seem that we as medical students have ignorantly allowed,

Ourselves to be so focused on learning or caught up in chatter with our friends,

That we leave the Anatomy Hall forgetting that it is our silent mentors who we have to thank.

So today, I would like to take the opportunity to let out silent mentors know, That their deeds have not been forgotten cold, For although on the surface we may not show, We treat the lessons they have taught us more precious than silver or gold, For better doctors their lessons would help to mould, And for that our gratitude is many fold.

Thank you to our mentors who remain as still and silent as ever,

Although you speak no words, your unspoken words have never been louder,

What you show us is more valuable than any atlas has to offer

And the life lessons you teach us have never been clearer,

And the things that you have taught us would stay in our hearts and minds forever.