

## Two Sides of the Story

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19 years old	young
laughing	crying
living	dying
to tell	Needing
someone	screaming
silently	<i>Enough</i>
too much	consuming
she is	pain killers
hoping	to take away
feeling	the pain
is life.	

24 years young	old
grieving	learning
medicine	heals,
kills	and
feeling	means life.

*Author's Note:* I wrote this in my third year of medical school after interacting with a teenage girl that was emotionally withdrawn from the world. She had a long history of interacting with the medical community and still had not found peace. I found myself struggling with the idea that “medicine” can both harm and help people, especially in the context of people with emotional pain.

I wrote the poem with the intent that it could be read left column, then right column or left to right through the column break.

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