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Bring Your "A" Game to Work & Life!



To the hospital and palliative care team
Who work so hard and plan and dream
For a space that patients can go for peace
You give them comfort, you give them release

While others in life run from death and dying
You can embrace the beauty, the crying
Many cannot speak of this time in life
When memories fade and there is much strife

But what other's fear, I know you see
The privilege of showing care and dignity
Of being with people at the most difficult time
You are the magic, the special kind

Who runs towards and not away
Who holds close your patients every day
With words and deeds and gestures unspoken
You have the gift and it's more than a token

And if you think what you do is 'normal' - it's not
You are a special breed, a uncommon lot
Who know the privilege of sharing the last breath
Who know that there is so much more to death

Don't ever question your value or worth
Or why you were placed upon this earth
Your vocation, your calling, your spirit in fact
Pulls you into the moment and allows you to act

With compassion and love for those that you serve
With life-threatening illness, it's what they deserve
So I thank you all on behalf of the many
Who's lives you've touched, and there have been plenty

But remember to keep up what you do
We need you first to take care of you.