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Almost **Dejà Vu**

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It was almost déjà vu

Two separate times

Fifteen years apart

The physician made the call

My response was the same

The chair legs scraped

Across the kitchen floor

Then I sat down and said

"Are you sure?"

Vocal disbelief was clear

Equally clear was his certainty

But that's not possible

I thought, then thought again

Not probable, but true

The first time

Brought surprise and joy

It was more than the flu

That caused my symptoms

New life was revealed

The second time

Brought equal surprise

Carcinoma revealed

New appreciation for life

Rope by Paul Bellah