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## Doctoring in Nicaragua

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Like an old-time silent movie  
my memories of Managua flicker  
in faded black and white  
halting and jerking, just  
like the tiny taxis darting  
round the roundabouts  
punctuating the city's boulevards.  
Nurses in starched white uniforms,  
housekeepers with mops at attention,  
black-haired children with zippered chests,  
healing hearts beating beneath bandages  
with the newfound certainty of a metronome.

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