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My Favorite Piece

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I am going to see my favorite piece tonight says Dad
Brahms' *Violin Concerto in D Major*
The one from the bone marrow transplant story

Remember two decades ago and over a hundred years after it was written
The twin brothers from Vermont who loved the piece
Asked Dad to play it during their hour-long procedure

So early one snowy morning at the hospital
The last drop went from one brother to another
Just as the last note of the concerto finished

A Perfect harmony a Song of Songs
Like a father teaching his son how to auscultate a teddy bear
Or how to percuss the kitchen table

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