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## The Man From Sierra Leone

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The Man from Sierra Leone (A presentation turned to verse)

Forty-nine year old male for a physical,  
Who is taking no pharmaceuticals,  
His exam unremarkable,  
And a history notable  
For hemorrhoids, the treatment empirical.

This man from Sierra Leone  
Reports bumping his funny bone.  
His fifth digit went numb,  
But he would not succumb,  
And for two weeks he's had not a groan.

My impression is ulna compression.  
Resolved, no treatment to mention.  
A flu shot consented,  
And patient contented.  
Return in twelve months for prevention.

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