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What Does a Medical Student Do All Day?

By Maya Sorini

I watch them while
They pull out clots
When they are gone
I clean her red

The girl goes ghost
I sternal rub
I call a code
I keep my head

I hold her up
I yield the floor
They save her life
I push the bed

I'm left alone
With just the man
I tell him that
His baby's dead.

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