

Perseverance

LEONARD A. MERMEL, DO, ScM

In a windowless world
 On a moonless night
 My imagination roared
 What I had in sight.
 Darkness moved
 My footsteps uncertain
 God we know
 Had pulled the curtain.
 Blinkered twice clearing my vision
 An abyss lay before me
 Had to make a decision.
 My forefathers swore
 Not give up hope
 I stepped in
 Climbed down rope.
 There was no floor
 And no ceiling
 Walked through the door
 With an uneasy feeling.
 Trusting my spirit
 Within my soul
 Realized my dream
 Found my role.
 Lead in the darkness
 When others cannot
 Never give up
 Fearnought.

Author

Leonard A. Mermel, DO, ScM, Professor of Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Medical Director, Department of Epidemiology & Infection Prevention, Brown University Health.

Correspondence

LMermel@brownhealth.org