

# Drowning

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*Access to general anaesthesia for oncology procedures (eg. bone marrow aspiration/trephine biopsy or intrathecal chemotherapy) is limited in developing/undeveloped countries. Most paediatric oncologists resort to giving their patients a combination of sedatives (some up to 3 different sedatives at one time) prior to these procedures. A small number of these patients experience "nightmares" when these sedatives were administered and became aggressive; some remembers while others don't. This is a true recall by a 6-year-old boy with ALL who had "nightmare" during the sequential administration of sedatives prior to intrathecal chemotherapy.*

Drifting

I am drifting

Further and further away

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Drowning

I am drowning

Tossed up and down

Lost in a big stormy sea

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I saw my daddy

A lighthouse, a beacon of hope

I reached out for him

Yet he is too far

I shouted

Help me, Daddy!

Alas, he did not hear me

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And then the darkness comes

Till I wake again...