



# *Doctors Unbound*

Analyses of...monogenic causes of stroke by whole exome  
genome sequencing are...possible today.

—Ilinca et al. *European J. Human Genetics*

The tides of time that wash upon us fictitious,  
time travel proved possible, there were those who said  
the past should not be altered—  
for *Doctors Unbound*, a moral obligation to mend, to heal.

Today I go to Leipzig, 1839, Felix Mendelsohn our patient—  
master composer hailed as the new Mozart,  
conductor, musician, dead from a stroke at 38,  
like his father who fled the synagogue,  
and grandfather who lead the Jews  
toward the promised land of Goethe and Kant.

A harmful gene detected in DNA  
found from his fingerprints on a musical score  
lead to a drug to prolong his life—  
but when to arrive, how long to treat  
in this, I played no part.

My role, chef by calling, to enter his household,  
become the family cook and medicate his food.  
I've readied myself to leave the *Now*, enter the *What Has Been*,  
watch him compose what I already know  
and what we hoped would come.

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