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## **No Control**

An old man lying in a hospital bed –
The people say he is mentally unbalanced;
He has tubes stuck in him

all over his body, and people
constantly pushing him this way and that;

He is confused and doesn't know what's going on.
He is tied to his bed because he pulls his tubes out.
He has no control over anything.
He is no longer a man;
Maybe that's why he pulls his tubes out –
because he would rather die like a man than live and no longer be one.

– Dale McCombs, 2014

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