

*To A Transplant Nurse,*

*I want to thank you so much for being so, so caring and wonderfully calm and focused with me after my heart/double-lung transplant. I have always thought about you with love and gratitude, and I am happy I'm getting to thank you - finally - now that I'm in good shape and some time has passed.*

*I was so weak, vulnerable, and completely in another world then and I felt safe with you no matter what. You encouraged me, and gave me the straight talk about getting up and starting to move my body when I just wanted to lie there and remain in my sort of comfortable "fog bank."*

*It really took me a long time to adjust to the massive medication assault, and the need to eat and drink when I had no appetite. And those nights when I'd settle in to sleep and have non-stop nightmares because of the morphine I'd had in surgery.*

*I thought I'd never get better and you'd say "You will get better! You really will!"*

*It's been 8 years now - and you were right!*

*With Love,*

*Joyce*

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