

**Post-op**

eyes opened just now,  
Propofol performed its task,  
staff are doing theirs

pacemaker's in place,  
protecting my heart and life,  
for years to come

a man lies wounded  
on Czar Putin's killing field,  
protecting Ukraine

his body shattered  
by war-crime machinery,  
maimed, if he survives

I'll be home by noon,  
recovering in comfort  
—his pain's just begun



I began mentally composing this haiku while in post-surgical recovery yesterday morning, 15 March 2023, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

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