

Coldplay's 'Clocks' and Cancer Recurrence

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Coldplay's song "Clocks," with its famous urgent piano intro, is about mortality and running out of time. [It lends itself very well](#) to my current announcement.

I am absorbing the horrible news that my colorectal cancer, six years in remission, has now returned in my pelvis. My struggle to survive that first cancer is described in my book, [The Cancer Olympics](#). Hopefully, I will learn if the tumour is operable on Thursday, when I meet with a surgical oncologist.

The lights go out and I can't be saved
Tides that I tried to swim against
Have brought me down upon my knees
Oh I beg, I beg and plead, singing

I had an emergency stent put in my ureter yesterday. The tumour was pressing against it, causing kidney to balloon and my blood pressure to rise. I feel so much better already.

Still no idea about whether I can travel this summer. I will not be back to work in September, as I will need many months off to recovery. Indeed, it is not clear whether I can ever work again.

My "clear" CT scan from December was reviewed due to the positive PET CT I just had. It has been determined to be a false negative. The mass was evident on the December scan, but mistaken for my right ovary. So, sadly, I have lost 6 months against this metastatic disease due to a "Doctor Five." Readers of [The Cancer Olympics](#) will understand that number.

My final meeting with oncologist Mark Dorreen was touching for both of us. I was his very last patient on his last day of work before retirement. I asked him what chemo I was likely to get. He answered "FOLFOX"—as told in [The Cancer Olympics](#), this was the drug we successfully fought for in Nova Scotia, but too late for me to receive it. We all laughed at the irony. But I saw tears standing in his eyes.

My husband had a tumour removed last week. Today it was determined to be a benign lipoma. At last, a mercy.

Time for bed.

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