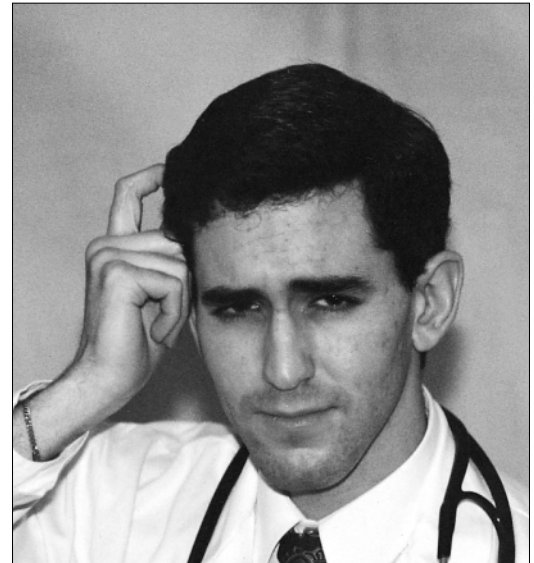




How strange to think if I've no luck
 I'll be burned 'cause a match ain't struck!
 I've got to somehow try and see
 The world a bit less lit'rally
 With metaphors and similes
 And perhaps USMLEs.†
 But would I shake just like a Speare
 If all the "damned spots" disappeared?
 Maybe there's still some hope for me
 In law, or homeopathy.
 This process has lost all its charms.
 It causes dread and frank alarm.
 If I get through it, yet unharmed
 I'll bid a fond farewell to CaRMS.

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Aaron Cass
 "Perhaps some day it will be pleasant to remember even this." — *Aeneid*, Bk.1

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