

Poetry Third Place
“Stupid Cancer” by Vanessa Silveus
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It cannot cripple your love.
It cannot shatter your hopes and dreams,
It can never beat your faith.
It cannot eat at your peace
It cannot destroy confidence.

It cannot kill friendship
It cannot silence courage.
It can't shut out memories
It cannot take eternal life with god.
It cannot fade your spirit
It cannot take your amazing smile.

It cannot take beauty
It cannot take your positivity.
It cannot take your voice
It cannot take your family.
It cannot take the places you have enjoyed
It definitely can not take you!

-Vanessa Silveus

This poem was dedicated to my grandfather
He sadly passed from liver cancer.
And he always wanted me to change others lives
So now I'm trying to make his wish come true.