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*A poem penned along the lines<sup>1</sup> of the great poet, Alexander Pope, 1688–1744:*

iPad from all clinicians glows the book of evidence,  
All but the page subscribed, the practice guidance:  
From conjurers what experts, from experts what trialists know;  
Or who could face the dark below?  
The man with a stroke arrives within the time window,  
Without landmark trials, would he receive the lytic flow?  
Thanks to the care, he regains his strength  
And wears his smile by the third month.  
Oh, the levels of evidence! kindly described,  
That each may provide the care prescribed:  
Who guides the care beyond chance of all,  
A pill succeed, or a placebo fall.

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