Four poems

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Synesthesia

Mozart's parakeet
Of which so little is known.
Are those blue feathers
To start the string quartet No. 21
In D major, K. 575
Or green?

Epic

Odysseus, long-disguised
Took his place in Ortho Clinic
About a particularly sore lumbar stitch
Ever since his suspension
Supine beneath a greasy sheep
At Polyphemus' doorstep.
Indifferent providers
Ill-befitting royalty.
Routine scans scrawled prescription new appointment
But the jig was up when
They solicited a copay and he trashed the place
Which is the real reason
Penelope's suitors got theirs
And the constellations
Changed.

Double vision

Show the radiologist the MR.
There are 2 choices:

Nothing but the age
No dialog
No hints where to look especially hard
A blind sanitary interpretation
Dripping fairness and great distances.
Blind justice could be holding a frying pan
She would never know.

Lots of fluff, the whole sad story.
Headaches enough for a family reunion.
Lab numbers. Vital sighs. Unscripted by
Conan Doyle—lots of extranea.
Look really hard at the right thalamus.

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Go on—call it—we know it's there.
Overturn the resident's normal report.
The lady with the blindfold
Would never know.

Does Van Gogh's mania matter?
What of Paul Klee's scleroderma?
Kandinsky was a refugee.

Doc, are you a census-taker?
Doc, are you a story-teller?

Gifting

She gave her son a train set
So soon the cars did run.
She gave her son a sunset
So soon he built a sun.

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