Dear bread and butter . . .

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Dear bread and butter: you sustain me, sate
me like no other can, and fill my belly,
not to mention RVUs. My day
Is crammed with migraine that's responding well
To meds, and epilepsy seizure free.
The daily hoofbeats teem with horses. Some
Days, though, I crave fresh zebra flesh, to see
Something exotic, driving me to home
And poring over tomes, pubmed.gov,
A curbside consult hashed out on the phone.
The hand you're dealt finds diagnostic glove.
(You're grateful that you don't do this alone!)
Microdeletions and encephalopathies,
Eponymous syndromes others have claimed,
Mitochondrial diseases, leukodystrophies,
Unclassified ills still yet to be named.
"You eat what you can kill" is what is said:
I prefer a diet mix of quadrupeds,
Though I do enjoy my buttered bread.

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