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Looking around the room,
I see faces of children
imagining why they're here,
contemplating their futures.

I look up as the door opens;
in walks a little girl with
beautiful blonde hair,
blue eyes, and freckles.

Her mother stands by her side
as they watch
the other children playing
and conversing with one another.

I hear the constant clicking of the machine
following her little girl,
nourishing her,
helping her along the way.

I see the pain and suffering
in the mother's eyes,
wondering, hoping
her daughter pulls through.

The mother finally sits down
and relaxes
after letting out
a sigh of relief.

I walk over to comfort her
at such a difficult time.
Then I turn to the little girl
and help her color.

Then something magical happens
Wonder of wonders!
That little girl looks at me and smiles.