This is a special one
It possesses beautiful powers
Its ring sounds through this entire unit
As if rung from the highest towers.
Its sound is loud and victorious
Truly a glorious sound to hear
But the real magic goes much deeper
As its gift is so very dear.
Battling cancer takes enormous strength
It's an exhausting, overwhelming fight
We all need to truly believe
That at the end of the tunnel there is light.
Now imagine a day of chemo
Maybe the beginning, middle or end
Feeling that you can't go on
Needing support of an unexpected friend.
Suddenly you hear the most uplifting sound
And you look towards the bell's place
Standing there you see a stranger
Or maybe a familiar face.
You realize that this person
Has completed their final lap
And new friends all around the unit
Give a peaceful, supportive clap.
As you look around you notice
Everyone feels the joy & peace & hope
Please hide away this moment
Remember it, treasure it, and let it help you cope.
Know that your day will come
Of the story you can tell
When you gave others support and hope
The day you rang our bell.

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