## **Doctor Doctor**

So how have you been? Asks my monthly shrink. And I smile a sick smile, While I stop and think.

I respond with a laugh, A sarcastic laugh. It's been a hell of a year, And we're not even past the half.

The demons inside Continue to thrive, On the pain that grows Deep in my sides.

The darkness engulfs me And swallows me whole, As I pry at the coffin That contains my soul.

The anger consumes me And devours my pride, As it licks its stained lips While I vainly run and hide.

But my demons are tenacious, They continue to fight, To win the hallowed ground Where I defend my falling might.

And they see I am weary, My will a ragged waif Trying to protect my battered soul, From the continuing strafe

By the demons I hold so dear And protect from within. So, you tell me, doctor, How have I been?