

# Empowerment

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GCS 3  
Not breathing  
Not moving  
911

Lights and siren  
Nasal naloxone  
Arrival to room 2  
“WTF? I’m outta here! That was my high!”

Cavalier  
“...shoulda just let me sleep...don’t need this”  
Can I go now?

Education  
Yeah. I’m fine.  
*pushes away paper listing detox centers*

Smirk  
Not hearing me. Need to be more blunt.

You died.  
I watch him. I hold his hand.

*“what does that mean?”*

It means you weren’t breathing.  
You were cold.  
If your friend hadn’t called...  
You would still be dead.

Tears  
“...my mom...I should stop...whatwouldshesay”  
I’ve tried so many times but I need help. NA doesn’t work  
I don’t believe in God  
What does that mean, Not good, Noway, Where do I go.

Looks at me for real, finally.

I hear you. I know.  
But if there's no God then I'm just dead!

I know. I hear you.  
Silence. Watching me.

You can do this. You have just made the decision.  
*Yes (whispered)*

Don't die.

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