

**Crests of the Kingdom**  
**CHRISTA FAIRBROTHER**

Every illness has symbols,  
color coding to shield you:  
the green of arthritis,  
pink of breast cancer,  
a twisted magnetic saltire worn  
by squires praying for strength  
or splashed across fields  
holding your house's charge,  
the rampant Ehlers-Danlos zebra,  
a balanced fighter.  
Lupus' butterflies displayed  
on guard for transformation,  
invisible illnesses fought  
alone by proper warriors,  
champions of the heraldic code  
who are never dubbed knights  
or granted a coat of arms.