

The Numbers

Calling out digits as they set up the machines

I was on Suite eight

And there was usually a sign hanging that said 30 minutes late.

I was to have 30 fractions.

The other things I had to remember was the car park code as I arrived.

My hospital number: twenty ten, double-oh, six, six, nine.

When I was giving them my date of birth

I was a rebel

And rather than say: 'two, six, sixty three'

I used to say: 'the second of June.'

And I was counting the buzzes

Was that four?

Or was that three?

When I thought though was my hospital number,

With it being twenty-ten, there were six hundred and sixty eight before me.