

Acceptance

[The] doctor told me about the cancer. They told me they don't grow fast, they grow . . . really slow so I told myself "I think I'm not going to die" (laughter). That's what I really think, I think I m not going to die today or this winter.



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. . . it had already happened. That had to sink in first and when it did, when I accepted it, I dealt with life again. It was embarrassing at first to go out because it seems like people were just staring at you, I mean they probably didn't even know, but it seemed like they did know.