

A Conversation with the Doctor

“Hello?”

“Hello...yes...I'd like to make an appointment to see the doctor, please.”

“What seems to be the problem?”

“My heart is broken.”

“Ma'am?” Your heart is broken, and you'd like to see the doctor?”

“Yes...I guess I need a cast on the heart of mine...at the very least a splint.”

“O.K...a cast for your heart...is that right?”

“And a note... you know...

like the kind that the doctor writes to excuse you from work.

This one could say...

Please excuse Mimi from participating fully in life for the next few months (years?) as her heart is broken and it needs time to heal.

Don't expect her to work well, or think straight, or to laugh as loud, or as often.

Excuse the sudden tearing of her eyes, the far away looks

and the absence of the ability to fully pay attention.

These and other symptoms are

NORMAL, EXPECTED AND ACCEPTABLE.

Please know that her prognosis is good, and she will heal.

Be patient, kind and loving.

Avail yourself to listen to her,

and refrain from giving advise or repeating platitudes.

She'll be fine, in time.

Signed, The Doctor