Battling Cancer – Mother & Son

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Have you seen a mother tiger?
How she would protect her cubs
How boldly she stands
Vigilant and tall
Surveying the land
For hints of threat

Have you seen a mother?
Bravely standing by her son
Standing guard
Always
Standing guard

A difficult parent? No!
I see a lady, strong and fierce
Who would do anything
Anything
A mother's courageous love

Do you see the teenage boy?
A child you say
I see a man
Though young he is
So strong and proud
He stands

Having battled many wars

His battle scars
His mangled leg, his prosthesis
Hear the words he yearns to say
He clings so dearly, tightly
Fighting to hold on to his dignity
His person, his voice, his identity

Do you see that in this fearsome journey A mother and her son Have conquered and will conquer Even when the battle's done