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## I Have Everything in Life

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I have everything in life I've ever wanted. A wonderful job. I work for myself and meet so many interesting people. I have a beautiful wife who manages to combine looking after the children and working full time in a demanding job. The result is our wonderful children are secure and energetic, bubbling with life and love.

But there is a worm destroying my happiness. It has been there for years, hidden away, but wriggling painfully in my mind and body. I really don't understand why but it adds a crushing weight to my daily life. My face looks perfectly cheerful but my eyes peer through a solid mask. I don't know what else I can do. My fear is that the worm will work its way to the outside, showing itself through the corner of my eyes, pushing my tongue to one side as it leaves my mouth. Will I see it one day as the stream of piss drops into the bowl? Will it make its own exit, wriggling out of my belly button or one of my ears?

When I said I do not know what to do, that was not true. I do know what to do but facing that truth is beyond my powers.