

Caring For Others

There are times when our loved ones fall ill or feel tired and sad. It is okay to feel this way, we should accept different feelings like sadness as this makes all of us unique as people.

While they may feel down, we can show our care for our loved ones in many ways to cheer them up.



This batik painting shows a scene of a patient lying on a hospital bed. There is an IV pole and a clipboard at the foot of the bed, which likely shows the patient's medical records.

Notice the lines used in the artwork. With your finger, trace the outline of:

- The lines of the patient and the bed.
- The lines of the IV pole.

The patient is lying with an arm on their head, and with one leg stretched out.

- Why do you think the patient's foot is painted bigger than their head and arm?
- Observe the colours used by the artist. How do the colours make you feel?

Chuah Thean Teng. *On the Sick Bed*. Undated. Batik, 43.3 x 36 cm. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.



Lim Kwong Ling, *Not Titled*. c. 1970s. Gelatin silver print, 50.5 x 40.5 cm. Gift of the artist and family. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.

This is a photograph taken by Lim Kwong Ling. His photographs show life in Singapore in a realistic manner, with no special set-ups, subject matter or poses.

- What do you see in the photograph?
- What story do you think the photographer is trying to tell? Why do you think so?
- This photograph is not titled. If you could give the photograph a title, what would it be?

Is the boy sitting down or standing up? How can you tell? Observe the size of his knees in relation to the other parts of his body. The sizes of things depicted in a picture can tell you whether something is near or far from us in an artwork.





Do you know of anyone who is feeling down or sick? Let's draw or write a letter of encouragement to them!