

Under the Light of Nightingale, from Humble Beginnings our Best Shines Through

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Through wars and through plagues, in all sickness and health,
We needed someone to educate and provide us with knowledge wealth.
The Lady with the Lamp, Nightingale helped pave the way,
She was the founder of modern nursing as we know it today.
Her Environment Theory preached of pure water and air,
Effective drainage, cleanliness, and light were all part of her care.
Statistics and health promotion are now part of modern nursing communication,
Nursing has evolved by her leadership and inspiration.
We are NURSES.

Shewchuk and Stephens at their kitchen table back in the day,
Drafted the first ORNAC standards that still help guide the way.
ORNAC promotes quality nursing care in all Canadian Operating Rooms,
Webinars, journals, and conferences all help our profession bloom.
We provide an environment of normothermia, cleanliness, and aseptic flow,
It's from Nightingale's first theories, OR nursing models grow.
We protect our surgical patients from any undue harm,
We position, prep, count, and drape with our OR nurse charm.
We are OPERATING ROOM NURSES!

2020 was deemed the Year of the Nurse,
As a global pandemic inhabited the earth.
N95 masks and face shields become daily attire,
We pray every day that inventory does not retire.
Handwashing and cleanliness as Nightingale once preached,
Flattening the curve is our mission to reach.
Society grumbles as they learn to wear face masks,
We silently giggle as this is an everyday Operating Room task.
No social distancing or Plexiglas can stop us from our surgical expedition,
Policies change day to day but surgery must still be our mission.
We are HEROS!