Doctors Unbound

Analyses of monogenic causes of stroke by whole exome genome sequencing are possible today.
—Ilinca et al. European J. Human Genetics

The tides of time that wash upon us fictitious, time travel proved possible, there were those who said the past should not be altered—
for Doctors Unbound, a moral obligation to mend, to heal.

Today I go to Leipzig, 1839, Felix Mendelsohn our patient—master composer hailed as the new Mozart, conductor, musician, dead from a stroke at 38, like his father who fled the synagogue, and grandfather who lead the Jews toward the promised land of Goethe and Kant.

A harmful gene detected in DNA found from his fingerprints on a musical score lead to a drug to prolong his life—but when to arrive, how long to treat in this, I played no part.

My role, chef by calling, to enter his household, become the family cook and medicate his food. I've readied myself to leave the Now, enter the What Has Been, watch him compose what I already know and what we hoped would come.

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