

Opportunist

You hear about thieves breaking in on Christmas Eve,
while a family is out at Mass, praying.

Some see sick children as a similar vulnerability.

Yesterday, someone dressed as a construction worker
stole an iPad from the room of a deaf and blind child.

A month ago, wigs were taken from oncology,
and three little girls were denied normalcy.

Last year, a guy walked into ICU,
and nicked all the Christmas gifts.

On the news, a nurse said They weren't just objects,
they were hope. The dream of a healthy child, playing,
while her father chops carrots, ready for their tea.

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