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## THE HISTORY OF CARDENIO

CARDIOLOGIST: Your heart beats because there is a miniature elephant dancing in it.

AUDIENCE: (*Murmuring*)

CARDIOLOGIST: The murmur is due to his being a poorer-than-average dancer. The tachycardia is mostly his madness.

AUDIENCE: (*Silence*)

CARDIOLOGIST: Your nervous system lashes out from time to time to force him to perform.

AUDIENCE: (*All raise their hands*)

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CARDIOLOGIST: This goes on for eighty years or so. What you did not know until tonight is that every night when you're asleep, your elephant quiets and can be found practicing one move over & over alone in his tent.