

## Raining in My Heart

10.40pm *ITV*

### DOCUMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Sophie, 12, Fabian, 11, and three-year-old Chloe are redoubtable, remarkable, happy children.

All three live substantial parts of their lives in hospital undergoing gruelling treatment for highly aggressive cancers.

This is a piercingly sad film, but the children are marvels as they take part in pioneering drug and cell therapy at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Eight-year-old James, solemn and wise beyond his years, is Chloe's brother and is fully aware of his sister's condition: "My dad told me last night that, as children's cancer goes, it doesn't get much worse than what Chloe's got."

Meanwhile Sophie, who's had leukaemia four times since she was two, is cheerfully pragmatic. Her cancer returned but, she says, "I dealt with it like all the other times." I promise, your heart will break. **AG**  
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**STILL SMILING**  
Little Chloe Balloqui  
brings joy to her  
loving family