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## A torch so bright

Another soul among everything alive He's young of age and strong of heart A man with a house and love that thrive He goes about his days, playing his part

One day it all comes to a stop Too much liquor and not enough time Fate didn't want the parties' places to swap The man's soul is snuffed, so foul a crime

The man is now gone, his time complete
He leaves behind a boy who grieves
Though wished to stop, the boy's heart gives a beat
The despair falls upon him like the season's leaves

Years pass and all but one forgets the man
The boy carries a torch to keep the soul from being lost
Dutifully, the man is never lost throughout the span
But with time there comes a cost

The flame knows not friend from foe Though cherished and loved the fire burns its holder The good and bad of the light mix in a jumbled glow A conclusion comes to the boy now that he's older

A solemn mind and burdened heart make it tough But with a kiss and a prayer he snuffs the flame The fire recedes and dies with a final puff Now all of the man is lost except a name

The boy looks over his hand so charred The decision made, he's determined to move on The predicted pain isn't quite as hard To the boy, not a bit of the man is gone.