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I'm all alone.
There is no light.
The tunnel's end
Is out of sight.

I reach for walls
To balance me;
But emptiness
Is all I see.

I walk ahead
Or is that wrong?
No front or back,
No life or song.

The air grows still.
It cannot be.
I'm trapped here for
Eternity.

There's no way out;
My mind gives in.
The dark prevails;
I cannot win.

And yet I hear
My heart's voice pray,
"Lord, let me see
Another day.

"I cannot fight,
The dark's too strong.
I cannot win this
All alone."

And through the dark
A light is shown.
It gently leads me
Homeward on.