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## **In the Shadows a Reflection**

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I met you in the shadows  
You liked to stay hidden there  
From all the harshness  
All the hate  
All the torment

I met you in the shadows  
Where you explained meanings  
That everything has a reason  
Your camouflage was no exception

As such words of wisdom parted your lips  
Fluid as any learned man  
A quiet bond of respect was built  
With bricks of understanding  
Too heartfelt to break

I met you in the shadows  
When the world would seem unbearable  
You would offer therapeutic words  
That reminded me that I was not alone

I met you in the shadows  
I could always find you there  
Always willing to listen  
Make my worries disappear

I lost you in the shadows  
On that unexpected day  
A life ended too untimely  
Undeservingly

Yet I try to hold my head up  
Fear solitude  
I will not

You will forever live in the shadows  
Providing an odd sense of peace  
Physically gone  
But there will always be shadows.