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That Man

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That man

with the badge on his cap –

so all would know who he is,

sat calmly on a chair.

And just as calmly,

he stabbed a knife into the table –

so all would know who he is.

And for now, nothing: his knife stays there,

he sits calmly there –

and for now, nothing: except that in the café,

a lamp still burns

on the beam.

Outside, it's a beautiful night.

If the windows were opened,

moonlight would pour in –

and for now, nothing: except

no one speaks.

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