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**IN THE TIME OF THE FIREFLIES**

In the time of the fireflies  
before the sky is completely dark  
after the sun vanishes behind the horizon  
when the world is starting to cool  
but the air remains warm;  
when the streetlights come to life  
and we can feel night in the air –

that is the magic time  
when all things are possible –  
when a dream is more than a dream  
when the fairies come out to play  
when words hang in the air  
just because they like to be there.

In this time  
we see things as they truly are.  
We see that fireflies are fairies  
and fairies are real  
and that we all dream  
in the time of the fireflies.

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