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**IT ALL BEGAN WITH A THOUGHT**

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From out of the blue,  
a thought crossed my mind.  
Fearing I might lose that thought  
sound and rare,  
with some notes ready  
in my brain outlined,  
quickly I took out a pen and paper.

In just a short while,  
I'd written a draft of a poem.  
Yet, it lacked beauty and grace,  
powerful words, sounds that soothe,  
cadence from verse to verse that pleases,  
and smoother lines to embellish its face.

I toyed around with words,  
picked here and there.  
But words that I needed  
didn't come by that day.  
So into a drawer, the draft  
I put away . . .

until that quiet night,  
when from my heart I heard  
soft murmurs prodding me  
to polish off the draft with new-found words;  
season it with grace that lifts emotion;  
see that everything fits in, like a true work of art,  
and elucidate the thought—the heart of the poem,  
the reason for being.