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I Walk into Darkness

by

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I walk into the darkness,
A blunt dagger in my hand.
A fog covers all the earth,
And blackens all the land.

I stand inside the forest,
The forest strewn with doubt.
I listen for the voice of hope,
But cannot hear a sound.

I am eager for the journey,
And yet my blade is blunt.
I feel I know the way it seems,
My blood boils for the hunt.

I strike a match and hold it high,
Yet still barely see the way.
The light burns dimly for a while,
Until all sinks back to grey.

What if I find the beast I seek
And cannot win the fight?
It matters not how thin the lot,
I must go greet the night.

I climb upon stone pillars,
In the hope to find the road.
They crack and break under my weight,
As to reject my heavy load.

I walk into the darkness,
A blunt dagger in my hand.
I hold it high against the sky,
That blunt dagger in my hand.

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The Mythic Circle is a small annual literary magazine published by *The Mythopoeia Society*, which celebrates the work of C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, and other writers in the mythic tradition. (For more information about the Mythopoeic Society, contact **Edith L. Crowe, Corresponding Secretary**, The Mythopoeic Society, PO Box 6707, Altadena, CA 91003. E-mail: correspondence@mythsoc.org)

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