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ONE MORNING WHEN THE OFFICE HAD OPENED A MAN CAME OVER HERE
TO THE EXPRESS OFFICE SHOWING SIGNS OF GRIEF AND FEAR
WHEN THE CLERK APPROACHED HIM HIS TREMBLING WORDS DID SAY
I'M WAITING FOR MY BOY SIR HE'S A COMING HOME TODAY
YOU HAVE MADE A SAD MISTAKE AND YOU MUST SURELY KNOW
THIS IS A TELEGRAPH OFFICE SIR AND NOT A TOWN DEPOT
IF YOUR BOY IS COMING HOME THIS COLD RAINY DAY
YOU'LL FIND HIM WITH THE PASSENGERS AT THE STATION JUST OVER THE WAY
YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ME SIR THE OLD MAN SHOOK HIS HEAD
HE'S NOT A COMING AS A PASSENGER BUT BY EXPRESS HE SAID
HE'S COMING HOME TO MOTHER THE OLD MAN GENTLY SAID
HE'S COMING HOME IN A CASKET SIR HE'S COMING TO US DEAD
THEN A WHISTLE PIERCED THEIR EARS THE EXPRESS CAME IN ON TIME
THE OLD MAN ROSE IN A BREATHLESS PACE AND QUICKLY RUSHED OUTSIDE
THEN A LONG WHITE CASKET WAS LOWERED TO THE GROUND
SHOWING SIGNS OF GRIEF AND FEAR FOR THOSE WHO GATHERED 'ROUND
DO NOT USE HIM ROUGHLY BOYS IT CONTAINS OUR DARLING JACK
HE WENT AWAY AS YOU BOYS ARE BUT IT'S THE WAY HE'S COMING BACK
HE BROKE HIS POOR OLD MOTHER'S HEART HER SAYINGS ALL COME TRUE

SAID THIS IS THE WAY HE'D COME BACK WHEN HE JOINED THE BOYS IN BLUE

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