

# One Star

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One Star  
That one star  
That one shining point of light among a cloak of  
darkness  
That's there throughout the night and never leaves  
anyone's side  
That one star

A small drop of hope  
In a giant vat of darkness  
Where people have given up and forgotten  
Then there's that one star

The golden sheen and gloss of it  
So bright you are sure it will burst into a million bits  
of glitter  
The star that makes you remember everything in  
your life  
The star

That light at the end of a tunnel  
To a lost adventurer  
When everything was about to be thrown away  
That one star

My own personal nightlight  
From when I was young  
That would protect me from monsters under the bed  
And the ghouls in the closet  
My bodyguard and security blanket  
That one star

Iridescent and bright  
Floating yet staying in one place  
Meaning different things to different people  
But especially to me

Too far to touch  
But just close enough to see  
My past, present, and future all squeezed into that  
small orb of light  
What do you see?  
In that one star