

## POEM: Dream protector



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There was a monster in the closet.

I'd shut the door to keep it out.

The sock monster.

The tooth fairy.

The gremlin goblin scary bump in the dark.

I needed protection in the night.

I felt a presence come to light.

And wrap my soul in safety.

Strange arms embraced me.

But there was nothing there.

Just a feeling.

Strong man holding me.

Softly in the night.

I didn't believe in magic.

I did not know love.

But something was present.  
Someone was protecting me.  
One day this phantom ceased to be.  
I grew up.  
Lost innocence.  
Lost wonder.  
Yet the dark still scares me.  
The mystery of who my protector was...  
A shadow of a myth.  
Created from a fantasy.  
Heroic courage.  
Lost chivalry.  
I miss him.  
I do not think I'll ever find.  
Reality to be so loving.  
A man so kind.  
As that ghostly phantom who held me.  
When i needed to feel ok as a child.  
For in this reality dreams are hard to have.  
Even harder to bring to life.



