

## **The Watchers in the Night**

As the darkness of the night  
Spreads across creation  
And a million stars take their rightful place  
Amidst a deep and sunless sky  
As the world turns away  
And pulls back to its home  
Seeking rest and restoration  
Leaving each to their own  
Blessed are those who rise  
Who take up the great honor  
Who pledge to take a stand  
Against what all too often lies in wait behind the darkness  
They are the watchers in the night  
Keeping safe those who are broken  
Keeping well those who are sick  
Keeping watch when others' eyes are closed  
May their watch be short  
And free from the dangers of the night  
May those they watch settle into  
The peaceful protection they provide  
They can be easily forgotten  
As they set when the day rises  
They can be easily worn down  
As they rise when the day sets  
May these watchers in the night feel the peace that night can bring  
May these watchers in the night find the drive to unwaveringly hold their ground  
May these watchers in the night know that they are cherished beyond measure

