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"The Little Tin Soldier"

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Once in a town in the black forest a little white toy-shop
stood.
And the little tin soldier with only one leg lived in a
castle of wood.
And across the room on another shelf stood a little
glass case,
And a tiny ballerina lived in there all in her dress of
lace.
And from where the little tin soldier stood they could
see each other so clear
And the little tin soldier watched over her with a love
that was so dear.
Then one day sadness came: the tiny ballerina was
sold.
The little tin soldier was thrown away and into the
gutter he rolled.
The water carried him to the sea and many far-off
lands.
He made many children happy as he passed through
their tiny hands.
And then one day they met again in a house in the land
of Eire
And when the clocks on the wall struck the midnight
hour
They jumped into a fire
And in that fire they shall stay
Forever in the day.
For the fire, Lord, is the fire of love,
Just like the peaceful dove.

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