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John Fitzgerald Kennedy - A Remembrance

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What is ten years remembered:

Is it shots of infamy in a Dallas street?
   A clinical report of a murder.

Is it a dress dark-splotched with blood?
   The swollen faces of grief.

Is it a rain-filled sky over Washington?
   A silent throng under the Capitol's dome.

Is it two children and a child's single cry?
   A riderless horse.
   An intonation in a cathedral.
   The flickering of a flame.

What is ten years remembered:

How much rain beating on a grave-site?
How much snow falling and filtered sunlight?
How many mind-flashes of a man?
   Of his humor and humanity.
   Of his sense and sensitivity.
Ten years after, it is remembered and more:

An assertion of human decency

A trust of freedom

A confidence in reason

A love of country

A kindled hope for the nation.

This was John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

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Ten years after.