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If Only...

If only you had been there
To see what I saw,
To feel what I felt:
Such a strong sense of awe.

If only you had been there
When I was alone,
Staring at cities:
To most, unknown.

If only you had been there
As I kissed you goodnight,
You, a familiar:
An unreal delight.

If only you had been there
To look out to sea,
Toward faraway islands;
To see past me.

If only you had been there
To meet those I met:
Symbols of others
From times we forget.

If only you had been there
To see me grow,
You'd reinforce the memories:
The things I know.

--- *Anthony R. Scisciani III*