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The castle (that I thought was made of stone)  
supported only paper dolls

A King and Queen  
with paper crowns  
and paper clothes  
with paper dreams  
and a single paper rose

The King he loved his queen  
and she him love did say

The castle (that the King thought was made of stone)  
was only paper halls

One day the King  
with scissors he thought were a chisel  
cut the stone (paper) rose  
and the Queen took it  
and smiled  
until she walked to the corner  
and the paper (stone) flower down she lay

The King he watched  
with his stone (paper) eyes  
and felt his stone (paper) heart  
Crack (tear)

The castle (that she knew was not stone)  
was only a place for him to play with his paper dolls

The King then out his heart did  
break (rip)  
and try again to appease the queen

*Continued*

And she with all her paper heart  
did try to join the two

But for the first time did she  
learn the King  
(whom she thought paper)  
was truly stone

And the weight of the heart was too much  
for her to bear  
and thus she ran

And the King sat in his castle  
and watched as it  
crumbled (crumpled)  
beneath his stone body

A true stone King  
not paper, not a toy, without a heart. . .

*Larkin*