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Oh, you stood so tall
against the skyline of Manhattan --
unwavering and proud,
standing eye to eye
with Lady Liberty --
a beacon of hope and freedom.

Someone has cast
an evil eye at you,
Someone has harbored
a sinister design for you,
Someone has tried to
fell you down,
And you now lay in ruins.

But who has ever
brought down a soaring spirit,
Who has ever reined in
a raging flame of freedom,
Who has ever shackled
love and peace?

From the ruins
you'll surely rise again,
From the ashes phoenix-like
you'll be born again--
stronger and forever more proud.