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A candle's wick untouched by fire  
Awaits the spark that it desires  
And once it's lit you can't go back  
For now a part is always black  
Beneath, the wax begins to melt  
A subtle sign of what's been dealt  
While dripping slowly to its base  
It won't be long now at this pace  
Eating away at its pure core  
Not recognizing what's in store  
Now half of what it used to be  
Trapped in its light it cannot see  
The wax it once wore as a cloak  
Will end it with a hiss and smoke.