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with a little friction
you spring to life
in a tug-of-war
of your existence
perhaps a numbered candle
or the embers of the cherry
in a cigarette
you aid both
celebration of life
and premature death
in times of survival
whatever your future holds
will be found with
another flick of the switch
this time may you travel
to the cheering crowd of a concert
or maybe even just
the hands of a problematic pyromaniac
yet you stay ready for adventure
when you arise
light the way
and burn away time