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for john

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**A Tribute to the Memory of
September 11, 2001**

for john

in the tomb
 ...four days. John: 11

for john, Engine Co 33 Ladder 9

jaysus, if you had
 been there. if you had
 been visible amid the thousands
 of flash points ... our brother
 when faith comes due
 for an early return
 on chrim's marking, the day water
 first poured out for welcome

another profession
 of choice and duty
 and God-knows-whatever sort

of grace assembles the unruly family
 in this house. faith counts, leads
 off racing. we have been ready since...

schoolchildren at their desks
 would stop, recite three hailmarys
 in doubletime trust

this young man has led us
 to the living

water, the power and protection, pulsing
 through *me-lord* hands that touch
 the brow of any poor lazarus
 or half-doubting thomas or son
 of the messenger God:

*I knew indeed that you always hear me
 but I speak for the sake of all around me*

that it was you who sent me.

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Now take the stone away

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