

## **FOURTH PRIZE WINNER**

### ***Warrior's Anthem***

Defiantly I stand my ground  
battered, but not beaten down.  
Speak not to me of old age coming  
in my chest the heartbeat drumming  
ignores the ravages of life  
to rise to the challenge one more time.

Determination knows no bounds  
no substitute for wisdom found  
fear won't stop me even when  
it breaks the spirit of lesser men.  
Still plenty of time to write my story  
I'm going down in a blaze of glory.

Don't try to put me out to clover  
I won't play dead, I won't roll over.  
I just want to stand  
on the rooftop and shout  
I may be getting older,  
but don't count me out!

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