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Brother Book Bouncing-- An O-bit Dale Allender

I.
Our dear
brother Brook
brought a toast
busted a move then
bounced from
the dance
floor
to another
in-
car-
nation.

Our
Dear
Brother
Brook
Broke
Down literary
El-
em-
ents to the
Elemental
Binary
Basics of
Light and
Dark
Yin and
Yang and
Here and
There

Brother Brook
Built up
So many in
Pixels, and with

Pens in
Periodicals and at
Parties:
The Industry Co-sign
McNally Jackson
Rhode Island Writers
And the
NBWC
Brooklife

II.
But still
I feel
Befuddled
Beguiled
Bemoaned
'bout this
betwixt and
between
being-ness
thus
this
Obit
Is Writ
With neither
Apparent
Controlling Metaphor
Nor
Clear
Rhythmic rhyme scheme
Rather
An intuitive imitation
An invitation to
An intimation
of
Big B's
life

Brother Brook died
like he lived
happy
toasting
tasting
and
tale
telling



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