




**I REMEMBER SAM**

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**He taught me how to swim and fish and how to write a song.**

**He carried me on his shoulders when the road became too long.**



**He read a hundred thousand books; wrote many of his own.**

**An English teacher all his life; the smartest man I've known.**



**We observed his latest birthday just a few short months ago.**

**He is with us but he's not, and what he's thinking we don't know.**

**We observed my father's birthday, blew out candles and went on.**

**But it's really not a party when the honored guest is gone.**





**He was a kid from Brooklyn, and a Brooklyn Dodgers fan.**

**He always drove a Chevy, and he was a family man.**



**He shared his love of Shakespeare, of the opera and Baroque.**

**He lived the English language, and he loved a clever joke.**

**This book is dedicated to Dr. Samuel Beckoff.  
He does not know who I am, but I know who he is.**

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