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(Upon Visiting the Home of C. S. Lewis)

by M. Lee Alexander

The taxi takes us back in time  
Past ivied wall and steeple spire  
To grounds and gardens steeped in joy  
And loss and fullness and desire

Then down the path and through the gate  
To rooms that echo with his thought  
Where lovers, friends, and brothers met  
And children played and scholars fought

To see his photos line the shelves  
To hear his poems, laced with lore  
To read his letters, frank and kind  
And weigh his words on will and war

To meet a man we never knew  
To tread the ground his feet have trod  
And deep of his anointing, drink  
To touch, through him, the face of God.

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