The Gift of Life

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In the early morning sun,

Through the sky traces of night run,

And I wake – strong as one.

Though the heat may burn my back

And my sanity threatens to crack,

Like an axe, I toil with every whack.

For a steady pace will finish the race.

So on I press, sweat down my face.

And the reward of life is sweet to taste.