

## *A Sonnet for Charlie Lord*

His laugh, a gentle smile from the heart,  
Made words superfluous--a sound above,  
Like music, gladness, harmony, and love.  
Stay, sunrise--Charlie gives each day a start.

A perfect moment is a moment shared:  
He understood the wisdom of a thought  
Jointly uncovered. Happiness was brought  
To Charlie's soul when each for others cared.

He was ever unbowed by this world's ironic ways.  
War and want haven't spared the human race.  
But for Charlie, undimmed hope was our saving grace.  
He never gave up on the goodness of all days.

Forever who you were and what you gave,  
Chas, we'll miss you: knowing, loving, brave.

By Ben Scotch 2016

