

Summer Sadness

Sleep just wouldn't come to me, the small hours ticked away
I knew it had to happen, this awful, dreaded day
Its time to say goodbye to him, my one and only son
His short life cruelly ended as he played out in the sun

The temperature was higher than it had been for weeks
The nearby lake was tempting, there was laughter, there were shrieks
I had sent him with a warning, I knew he couldn't swim
But the spirit of adventure was very strong in him

The cool inviting water was too tempting in the end
The others tried to save him, especially his best friend
Paramedics did their best, but nothing could be done
To save the boy who filled my life, to save my precious son

They say that time's a healer, it's hard to see that now
But I have memories I will keep and carry on somehow
I'm going to do a swimming course, to learn to teach that skill
To many other children, my empty days to fill.

