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AFTER ALL IS SAID & DONE

After you have stood as one,
Have you said more than you've done?
After all the time you spent,
Paying life its fulsome rent.

Did you achieve your stated aims,
Did you fully meet your claims?
Was greatness in your chest,
Virtue certain as your best?

After looking for a mate,
Happy marriage was your fate?
After hoping for a child,
Are they good, or are they wild?

Given all that you have studied,
After martial skills all readied,
Did you write a timeless tome,
Did you make your nation Rome?

All your parents gave to you,
And friendships that were true,
Did you speak authentic truth,
Ever since you were a youth?

Are you proud of your life's whole,
Did you guard your very soul?
After all is said and done,
Has your life been lost - or won?

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