## Monsters

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I killed my first monster when I was seven years old He melted like butter in my bathroom's sixty-watt bulb Kept a three-cell MagLite from Daddy's workshop drawer Under my pillow and I'd pull it like a sword

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The wolf hunts a hungry man and the devil a lonely heart A minefield of bad decisions lay hidin' in the dark Greed stalks, sickness steals, and pride lays a wicked trap You can't avoid 'em all, no, you gotta trust me on that

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Daddy, check my closet, leave on the bathroom light I smile and say "All clear" when I tuck him in for the night But Daddy, I'm still scared, can I sleep with you instead? I kneel down beside my little man and I bow my head

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