Photography and Light

By Dawn Labbe Jouan

What is a photograph? A wisp of light sleeping upon Shades and shadows, On mountains and meadows, History preserved in etchings of Angles and symmetry, giving Depth and meaning, like sunlight gleaming, as diamonds on a river, or Rose petals caught in a quiver While dew drops and colors harmonize Like the gentleness and spark in a child's eyes. Joy and laughter or tears of parting Pains and struggles later viewed as starting The work of art of human lives is brought to us in a workable size. A photo Moments so precious frozen in time.

Moments so precious frozen in time.
The past in the present; nature in rhyme.
A child's first step captured in light,
Images, so treasured, though torn
and weathered....

The Photograph born, of lights and shadows:
Two ethereal elements,
That first enter the eye, become a Picture Born through a lens.

A photographer is an artist of observation painting with the medium of light, for with out light in the darkness, no form could be seen or captured at all...