On the Waves of a New Dawn

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Churning, swirling, and crashing.
Waves of uncertainty in an ocean of untold.
Together in our boat, we blaze the trail
In the midst of a storm, uncontrolled.

Fear, pain, and confusion:
The ocean has unpredictable things in store.
For one year we’ve sailed the stormy seas
But we’ve had no luck in reaching shore.

Once in a while, the storm settles down
And a path to salvation is clear.
But all too quickly, the waves rush back:
The storm now ten times as severe.

Tidal waves randomly spawn and appear,
Pushing themselves in our way.
But our boat sends ripples of hope through the water;
Our voyage to normalcy is underway.

Even as the storm continues to rage,
We’ve managed to find a light.
Sometimes it wavers and pitters out,
But it always comes back, shining bright.

Every day we’re getting closer;
Our hope is swelling with the tide.
We’ve come together to make it this far
Using the blinding light as our guide.

There’s no need for flashlights to lead the way
Or lanterns filled with fire,
Because our hearts are lit with a different kind of flame:
And the light from our hope is more than we require.