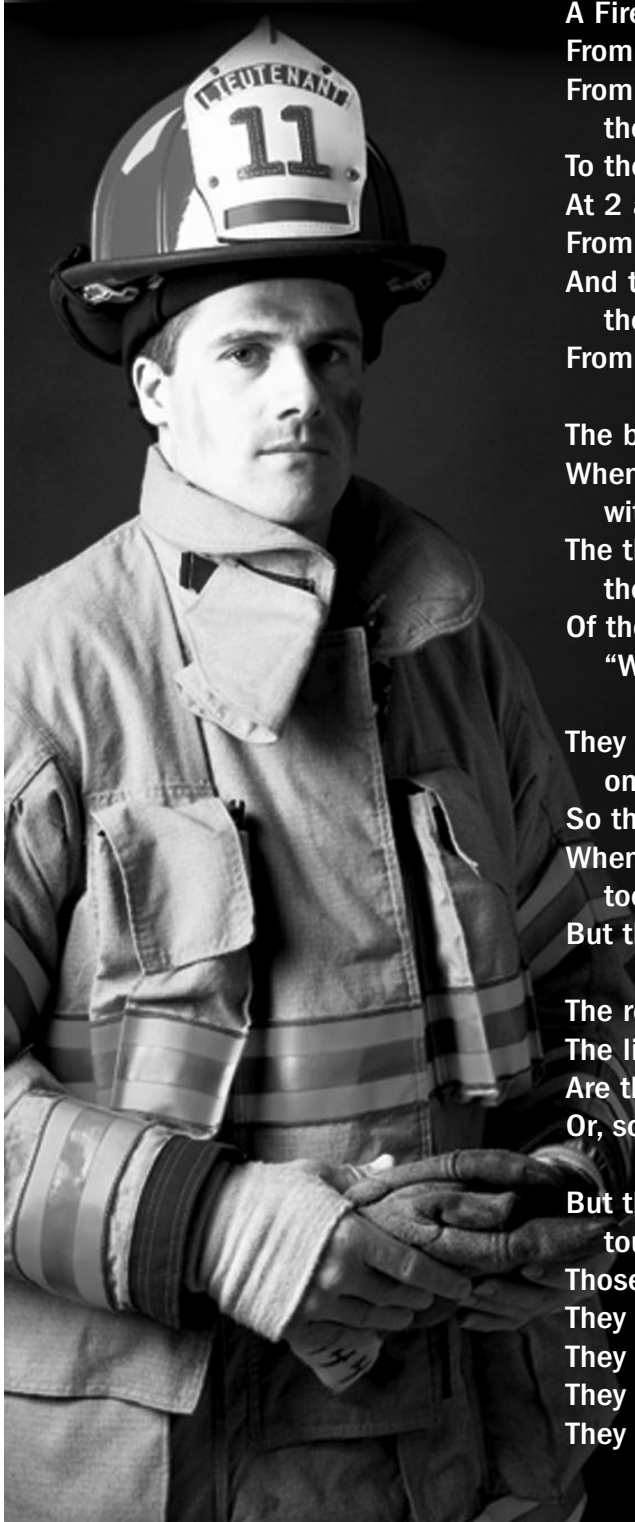


# Firefighters Gloves



A Firefighters Gloves hold many things  
From elderly arms to a kids broken swing.  
From the hands they shake and the backs  
they pat  
To the tiny claw marks of another treed cat.  
At 2 am they are filled with chrome  
From the DWI who was on her way home.  
And the equipment they use to roll back  
the dash  
From the family of 6 she involved in the crash.

The brush rakes in spring, wear the palms out  
When the wind does a "90" to fill them  
with doubt.  
The thumb of the glove wipes the sweat from  
the brow  
Of the face of a firefighter who mutters  
"What now?"

They hold inch and three quarters flowing  
one twenty five  
So the ones going in, come back out alive.  
When the regulator goes; then there isn't  
too much,  
But the bypass valve the eagerly clutch.

The rescue equipment, the ropes, the C-collars,  
The lives they saved never measured in dollars.  
Are the obvious things firefighters gloves hold,  
Or, so that is what I've been always told.

But there are other things Firefighters Gloves  
touch,  
Those are the things we all need so much.  
They hold back the rage on that 3 am call  
They hold in the fear when you're lost in a hall  
They hold back the pity, agony, sorrow  
They hold in the desire to "Do it tomorrow"

A gloves just a glove till it's on firefighters  
Who work all day long just to pull an  
all-nighter  
And into the fray they charge without fear  
At the sound of a "Help" they think that  
they hear

When firefighter's hands go into the glove  
It's a firefighter who always fills it with love  
Sometimes the sorrow is too much to bear  
And it seeps the glove and burns deep  
"in there"

Off come the gloves when the call is done  
And into the pocket until the next call.  
The hands become lonely and cold for a bit  
And shake just thinking of it.

And they sit there so red eyed with their  
gloves in their coats  
The tears come so fast that the furniture floats.  
They're not so brave now;  
their hands they can't hide  
I guess it just means they are human inside.

And though some are paid are others are not,  
The gloves feel the same when it's cold  
or it's hot.  
To someone you're helping to just get along,  
When you fill them with love,  
you always feel strong.

And so when I go on my final big ride  
I hope to have my gloves by my side  
To show to St. Peter at the heavenly gate  
Cause as everyone knows,  
firefighters don't wait.

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