

All Deathly Hallows Eve

ghosts and goblins
roam the streets,
children run,
screaming,
into their homes

(ME)

innocent shadows
evolve into
miscreant
demons and ghouls –
sleep eludes me

(BM)

this is just
one night
out of many before
and many to come
awake til dawn

(OK)

costumed as lovers
for the night
you're mine...
I awake to the sight
of a smashed jack o' lantern

(KR)

morning light
illuminates a trail
through the guts
of pumpkins...
you're gone

(RB)

blinking past
morning's haze,
I see your ghost
in the bathroom mirror
and collapse back into dreams

(SP)

revenants crawling
through my mind
many tears
many corridors
one bursting face

(JP)

no name
on the grave
moonlight
writes a new
history for us

(CB)

destined to find
their graves
I traverse the cemetery
in Godric's Hollow –
who is this Peverell?

(BR)

as Harry made his way
into the dark forest
he accepted his fate:
neither can live
while the other survives

(ME)

turkey, presents, trees
the spirits of holidays
leaves me questioning
how we
will survive

(BM)

I titled my sequence "All Deathly Hallows Eve" because most of the tanka were about Halloween or things relating to Halloween, and then Harry Potter came into the mix and the two poems were from the Deathly Hallows book and so I put them both together! :)

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