

## *There's a hole in my heart*

*I got the phone call today  
And yes, oh yes it took my breath away.*

*The words would not come and  
all I could say was, o.k., o.k. and now,  
there's a hole in my heart.*

*How can I tell you  
(now that you are gone)  
How precious your life was to me  
and to everyone you came in contact with?*

*Your easy smile, infectious laugh and  
unabashed enthusiasm for life.  
Your love of karate, your ideas for camp  
and your tournament team plans  
came pouring out of you in your excitement.*

*How can I tell you  
(now that you are gone)  
How funny I thought it was that  
you were afraid of me when you  
became a camp counselor?*

*I never would have remembered  
that you were the Axe-bomb wielder  
until you brought it up yourself  
and confessed it to me anew.*

*How can I tell you  
(now that you are gone)  
That I forgave you completely  
and never, ever looked back?*

*How can I tell you  
(now that you are gone)  
How I felt about the amazing man  
I saw you becoming  
each time we sat down to visit?*

*The would have beens,  
should have beens  
and could have beens  
race through my mind all day.*

*My throat tightens and the tears come  
over and over again  
as I plant flowers on my porch.*

*But, the Ichi Kyus come  
and I put a smile on my face  
and I speak to them from my heart.*

*One passes and the other fails  
but he knows that we are still  
on this journey together  
and always will be.*

*Neither one knows that  
there's a hole in my heart  
that I'm struggling to ignore.*

*So, I'll get up in the morning  
and teach my classes as always.  
I'll give the test results and share  
in the successes and failures  
of our students with them.*

*This tournament will not be the same  
without you.  
And Eubukai will never, ever be the same  
without you.*

*So, I'll sit on my porch and plant flowers  
And sometimes, I won't see them through  
the tears that are blurring my vision.  
Because, there's a hole in my heart  
and no one can fill it...  
but you.*