I Threw Away The Rose

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Once I lived a life of wine and roses and I drank a lot back then for one concern Success for me lay just around the corner I thought my social friends would help me make me turn

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I stood by and watched the bottle take control of me The turn I made was not the one I'd planned And I watched my social standings slip away from me While I watched the bottle slowly take command

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