

# THE STRONG (MR. ALAN GRAY)

He WAS Always there, the STRONG  
inspiring me to become,

AS IF —

allowing me to ride  
cradled upon his boot, was  
an exhibit of strength

leading by example

Feeding me cheese on CRACKERS  
sliced w/ his pocket knife  
Strength, I NEVER SEEN FAIL.

My GREAT GRANDFATHER PASSED  
when I WAS ABOUT SEVEN, AND  
even in his CASKET, HE WAS NEVER  
A WEAK STRENGTH — 7/20/23 7:42 pm