

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM



I COULD HAVE SAVED A LIFE THAT DAY

I could have saved a life that day, but I chose to look the other way.
It wasn't that I didn't care. I had the time, and I was there.

But I didn't want to seem a fool, or argue over a safety rule.
I knew he'd done the job before, and if I called it wrong, he might get sore.

The chances didn't seem that bad, I'd done the same and he knew I had.
So I shook my head and walked on by, he knew the risks as well as I.

He took the chance, I closed an eye, and with that act, I let him die.
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Now every time I see his wife, I'll know I should have saved his life.
That guilt is something I must bear, but it isn't something you need share.

If you see a risk that others take, that puts their health or life at stake.
The question asked, or thing you say, could help them live another day.

If you see a risk and walk away, then hope you never have to say,
I could have saved a life that day, but I chose to look the other way.

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