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Ode to Andy Lonergan

"Here is your medal

Andy, congratulations."

I smiled and took it.

We were champions.

It was a while since we won,

over twenty years.

Here I was, a part

of this special group of friends.

Always ready to fill in.

Fans don't cheer my name,

Nor do away fans taunt me.

No one knows my name.

I have a tough job.

"Third-string goalkeeper." Yes, third.

No, make it fourth string.

Even Caohmin would
start above me in the league.

But that is ok.

It's my job to sit.

I practice every day, and
go to every game.

I know I won't play.

Because if I have to play,

Something has gone wrong.