

The Cup
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- 1) You see it's glow even in the dead of night,
 - 2) You push and cut through the crowds just to get a glimpse,
 - 3) You see the joy it creates,
 - 4) You know the history it holds,
 - 5) You know the superstition that comes with it,
 - 6) You know the glory that comes with it,
 - 7) You know the greats that have held it,
 - 8) You dream at night of hoisting it high over your head,
 - 9) You dream of winning the most historic artifact in all of sports,
 - 10) You dream of winning the Stanley Cup.
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- 11) I've seen the tears it brings to those who came up just short of winning it,
 - 12) I've also seen the tears of joy that it brings to those who've won it,
 - 13) I've seen his look of awe as he, the rookie gets his turn to raise it high,
 - 14) I've seen thousands, wait hours just to get a picture next to it,
 - 15) I've seen thousands stand in amazement as it passes by them glistening in the afternoon sunlight,
 - 16) I've seen the face of a little kid like it was Christmas as it passed in front of him.
 - 17) I've heard a pin drop as it entered the stadium of 25,000 fans,
 - 18) I've heard the deafening roar from the crowd like it was New Year's Day in Times Square, when the captain lifted it from the podium.
 - 19) I've heard the crowd chant about it,
 - 20) I've heard the songs written about it.
 - 21) I've heard the heart warming stories told about it.
 - 22) And many people who aren't fans of the game might claim it's not that special
 - 23) But true fans of the sport know how much it means,
 - 24) True fans know that the Cup itself teaches a lesson that few other sports do.
 - 25) Those who win it get it for that year, that's it.
 - 26) It teaches teams and fans to not dwell on past successes or failures,
 - 27) But to simply look ahead, and control the only thing you can control,
 - 28) Your future.
 - 29) Teams can celebrate for that year, but then it's back to business,
 - 30) Then it is back to the path to return to the sports' ultimate glory,
 - 31) Winning the Stanley Cup.
 - 32) Over these past 150 years the Cup has had many journeys,
 - 33) All of which make its history more rich and treasured,
 - 34) So much so that it is every player's dream to one day win it for themselves,
 - 35) And it is every fan's dream to see their team do it.

36) But at the end of the day, no one knows who will hoist it high next,
37) All every player knows is that they have the chance,
38) And it is their choice to go seize glory for their team and their town, or to let it slip through their fingers into another team's hands.

Stanza 2 line 16. I used the simile here to show how happy the kids face was.

Stanza 2, line 18. I used the simile here to illustrate how loud the crowd was in that moment

Stanza 2 line 21. I used the metaphor here to give more in depth about how special it is and how treasured it's past is.