

One Halcyon Day

2024

Oh, give me one halcyon day
and quiet dream
to lie upon the green meadow of my youth
Perfect.....

Springtime For America

Oh God, in this our winter of discontent
give us
a springtime for America

Lift us from the parched land of sectarianism
And acrimony,
of citizens at war with each other.....

Do Not Go Gently

The dying light of heroic wisdom
is akin to the death of a cicada
or that of a Thorn Bird:

the bird impaled on its own certain fate,
but singing in blood
its sublime song of freedom.....

Paul's Unlikely Conversion

So, I hated Jesus
What did he know of law,
Taken and left as he chooses?
Of blessings, they were his pretensions
He presumed to come to Yahweh like a child to
his Pappa.....

Beatitudes Of Man

Canst Thou make of us beatitudes to count?
We have it from the Lord,
a Sermon on the Mount.

A desire eclipsing all desires
of the human heart,
That we might to Thy beatitude made a start.....

Longing Lost And Found

Love's a wanderer,
at first not inconstant
but claiming all possibility
in its embrace.

Soon love wanes
as sure as dying light.
It does not endure the night
it dims and is gone.....

Dedication

Take in Thy heart, my heart and
ravish it with thy love.

Bend, if Thou must, my will and
turn it to Thine alone.....

Shall I Tell Her?

King David and Bathsheba

Shall I tell her what I'm thinking?

Shall I say what's on my mind?

I disguise it. She might despise it from the start.....