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**COME YE THANKFUL  
PEOPLE**

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THIS COMING THURSDAY IS THANKSGIVING DAY. / IT IS  
OF COURSE A LEGAL HOLIDAY, / WHICH MEANS TIME OFF  
WORK. / BUT THERE IS NO SPECIAL LEGACY THAT  
ACCRUES TO US / BY REASON OF BEING ALIVE ON  
NOVEMBER 24TH. / IT WILL BE A DAY LIKE ANY OTHER  
DAY. / THE SUN WILL RISE AND SET AS USUAL, / AND  
AS USUAL WE MAY NOT EVEN NOTICE IT. / WE MAY  
GATHER FESTIVELY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. / BUT  
THE QUESTION IS: / WILL THE TENOR OF OUR CONVER-  
SATION / REVEAL ANYTHING SPECIAL IN HONOR OF THE  
HOLIDAY?

▶ A LITTLE GIRL, ACCOMPANY<sup>ED</sup> HER MOTHER TO SOME  
KIND OF WOMEN'S MEETING. / ON THE DRIVE HOME  
AFTER HER AND OTHERS' PETTY CONVERSATION  
SHE BLURTED OUT, / 'MOMMY, NEXT TIME WE GO SOME-  
WHERE, / LET'S GO WHERE THEY TALK HAPPY!'

LET US ENGAGE IN SOME 'HAPPY TALK' THIS MORNING.  
LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MEANING OF THLANKSGIVING.



'COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME.' / SINGS THE FINE  
OLD CHRISTIAN HYMN. / PERHAPS THIS GIVES RISE  
IN YOU / TO NOSTALGIC MEMORIES OF FAMILY GATHERING  
OF YOUR EARLY YEARS, / AND TO THE COLORFUL WAY IN  
WHICH THE FIRST AMERICAN THANKSGIVING IS USUALLY  
PORTRAYED / - ~~WITH~~ THE PILGRIMS WITH THEIR STARCHED  
WHITE COLLARS, / SEAT<sup>ED</sup> AT THE LAVISHLY PROVISIONED  
TABLE / WITH THE FRIENDLY INDIANS.

BUT WE HAVE SHORT MEMORIES / AND THIS EVENT WAS  
367 YEARS AGO. / LOOKING BACKWARD WE TEND TO ~~REMEMBER~~  
REMEMBER THE BEST / AND FORGET ~~THE~~ THE REST. / REALIS-  
TICALLY, / IT WAS A PITIFUL GROUP OF SURVIVORS / OF  
MANY MONTHS OF EXTREME~~2~~ HARDSHIP AND SUFFERING,  
WHO HAD SEEN THEIR LITTLE BAND / INCREASINGLY REDUC  
REDUCED IN <sup>SIZE</sup> ~~NUMBERS~~ / AS~~2~~ THE BURIAL PLOT CLAIMED  
MORE AND MORE OF ~~THEIR~~ NUMBERS. / AND AT THIS  
FEAST / THERE WAS VERY LITTLE FOOD ON THE TABLE / AND  
PRECIOUS LITTLE IN THEIR BARNS / -- WITH THE  
PROSPECTS OF ANOTHER HARD WINTER AHEAD.



ONE PERSON WAS HEARD TO SAY RECENTLY, / 'I REALLY HATE TO SEE THANKSGIVING COME / WHEN PIOUS PREACHERS URGE US TO 'COUNT OUR MANY BLESSINGS' / WITH MY SITUATION, / WHAT DO I HAVE TO GIVE THANKS FOR.'

BUT THAT IS <sup>NOT</sup> THE RIGHT QUESTION. / TURN IT AROUND AND ASK, / 'WHAT DO I HAVE TO GIVE THANKS FROM? ' / <sup>RETURN</sup> THE PILGRIMS HAD LITTLE TO GIVE THANKS FOR. / <sup>IMPLYING NEW MEAN (THESE)</sup> THEY WERE GIVING THANKS FROM THE CONVICTION / OF THE GOODNESS AND ALL-SUFFICIENCY OF GOD. /.. WHICH WAS A MEASURE OF THEIR GREAT FAITH. / THIS CONVICTION IS WHAT BROUGHT THEM TO AMERICA IN THE FIRST PLACE, / <sup>AND</sup> WHICH WOULD ~~DIS~~ SUSTAIN THEM IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE THANKS FROM? / IT IS THE CALL TO TURN WITHIN / AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR ONENESS WITH THE UNIVERSAL CREATIVE FLOW / - NO MATTER WHAT THE APPEARANCES MAY INDICATE TO THE CONTRARY.



IT IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE ALL-  
NESS OF GOD / AND THE ALL-SUFFICIENCY OF SUBSTANCE /

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SEE THAT THANKSGIVING IS

NOT A VIRTUE / FOR WHICH YOU RECEIVE HEAVENLY  
BROWNIE POINTS. / <sup>stock you!</sup> ACTUALLY, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE  
TO GOD / WHETHER YOU GIVE THANKS TO HIM OR NOT. /  
YOUR PRAISE AND GRATITUDE ARE NOT FOR HIM. / . HE  
DOESN'T NEED IT. / . BUT YOU DO. / MEISTER ECKHART,  
THAT WONDERFUL MEDIEVAL MYSTIC PRIEST, / OBVIOUSLY  
WITH A TWINKLE IN HIS EYES, / SAID, 'I NEVER THANK  
GOD FOR LOVING ME. / . HE CAN'T HELP HIMSELF. / '

BUT YOU AND I NEED TO BE GRATEFUL. / IT IS AS  
IMPORTANT AS DEEP BREATHING.

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▶ A MISSIONARY TO AFRICA FOUND A POVERTY-STICKEN  
TRIBE / SURROUNDED BY RELATIVELY PROSPEROUS TRIBES /  
CURIOUS ABOUT THE PHENOMENON, / HE DID SOME EXTEN-  
SIVE RESEARCH. / . WHICH REVEALED THAT IN THEIR  
LANGUAGE / THEY HAD NO WORD FOR GRATITUDE. NO WAY



TO GIVE THANKS. / IT IS HARD NOT TO CONCLUDE / AS  
THE MISSIONARY DID. / . THAT ~~WE~~ GROW RICH BY THANKS-  
GIVING, AND IMPOVERISHED BY LOSING THE SPIRIT  
OF GRATITUDE.

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LONG BEFORE THE TIME OF JESUS, / IN ANCIENT GREECE, /  
PLATO SAID, 'HE ENJOYS MUCH WHO IS THANKFUL. / A  
GRATEFUL MIND IS A GREAT MIND / WHICH EVENTUALLY  
ATTRACTS TO ITSELF GREAT THINGS.'

THE GRATEFUL PERSON IS GREAT / BECAUSE HE HAS TURNED  
ON THE LIGHTS IN HIMSELF. / YOU SEE, / YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO HAVE THINGS ~~XXXXXXX~~ FOR WHICH  
TO BE GRATEFUL. / BUT WHEN <sup>YOU</sup> CENTER YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS  
IN AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE, / <sup>YOU</sup> ~~HE~~ RADIATE LIGHT  
BY WHICH <sup>YOU</sup> ~~HE~~ CAN SEE THINGS FOR WHICH <sup>YOU</sup> ~~HE~~ CAN GIVE  
THANKS.

MAYBE THIS IS WHAT TRUE GREATNESS IS: / THE  
ABILITY TO APPRECIATE GOOD IN PEOPLE AND EVENTS.  
...AND TO EXTRACT THE VERY BEST FROM LIFE. /



OBVIOUSLY, /IT IS AN ATTITUDE THAT DEALS WITH LIFE  
ALL THROUGH THE YEAR, /AND NOT JUST ON THE 'HOLY  
DAY.'

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▶ I HAVE A 'THING' ABOUT 'DAYS', / SUCH AS 'MOTHER'S  
DAY', IN-LAWS DAY, 'BE KIND TO ANIMALS' DAY, / ETC.  
THIS ALL SEEMS TO IMPLY / THAT NO MATTER HOW YOU  
ACT THROUGH THE YEAR, / IF YOU SEND A CARD TO  
MOTHER ~~ON MOTHER'S DAY~~, / TREAT YOUR IN-LAWS WITH  
RESPECT, / OR BE GOOD TO ANIMALS, <sup>ON THE SPECIAL DAY</sup> WHAT YOU DO THE  
REST OF THE YEAR IS ABSOLVED. / ~~SO~~ THIS ONE DAY  
OF THANKSGIVING. / PERHAPS WE SHOULD REVERSE THE  
PROCESS, / AND HAVE ONE DAY OF GRIPING AND COM-  
PLAINING, / AND THEN SPEND ALL THE REMAINDER OF  
THE DAYS / IN A SPIRIT OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

AND RINGS THE WHOLE DAY THROUGH

CARLYLE: 'EVERY DAY BORN INTO THE WORLD / COMES  
LIKE A BURST OF MUSIC, / AND YOU SHALL MAKE OF IT  
A DANCE, / A DIRGE, / OR A LIFE-MARCH, / AS YOU WILL'

WE ALWAYS HAVE THAT CHOICE. / WE CAN ENGAGE IN  
THANK-THINKING / OR IN LAMENTATION, / HOW WE THINK



WILL DETERMINE HOW THINGS UNFOLD FOR US. / IF WE ARE GREAT OR SMALL. / WITHOUT A GENEROUS FLOW OF THANK-THINKING, / WE BECOME LITTLE PEOPLE, / WITH LITTLE MINDS, / LEADING INCONSEQUENTIALLY LITTLE LIVES.

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▶ NOW, THANK-THINKING / IS NOT SOMETHING TO ENGAGE IN ON THANKSGIVING DAY ALONE. / IT IS ~~THE~~ RESULT OF CHANGING THE MIND TO SEE THINGS, / ALL THINGS, / FROM A HIGH PERSPECTIVE.

I REMEMBER A VERY INSPIRING STORY / OF A MAN WHO CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF A HILL IN BACK OF HIS HOUSE, / AT THE CLOSE OF EVERY DAY, / OSTENSIBLY FOR EXERCISE AND TO SEE ~~THE~~ SUNSET. / ..BUT ACTUALLY TO DO HIS 'THANK-THINKING.' / HE WOULD SUBJECT HIMSELF TO A CRITIQUE OF HIS DAY / - BUT IN THE ARISTOTELIAN SENSE OF CRITICISM / LOOKING FOR THE GOOD / HE WOULD TAKE LITERALLY THE WORDS OF JESUS, / 'LET NOT THE SUN GO DOWN ON YOUR WRATH.' / HE WOULD CONSCIOUSLY 'AGREE



WITH THINE ADVERSARY' /-- (SETTLE WITH) --/ AND THE ADVERSARY IS THE ADVERSE STATE OF MIND. / SO HE WOULD CONSCIOUSLY FACE HIS HURTS, / ANGER, / WORRY, / AND ALL KINDS OF NEGATIVITY /-- TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS /-- AND RESOLVE<sup>IN</sup> IT ALL INTO GOOD BY 'THANK-THINKING.'

SOME WOULD CALL THIS POLLYANNA. BUT WHY? IT IS NOT POLLYANNA TO DEVOTE THE WHOLE DAY ONCE A YEAR TO 'COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS.' / IF IT IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY. / WHY NOT FOR ALL THE DAYS OF THE YEAR?

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THANK-THINKING IS SEEING THINGS FROM A HIGH VANTAGE POINT. / (EMERSON) ON PRAYER SAYS, / 'FOR WHAT IS PRAYER BUT THE CONTEMPLATION OF THE FACTS OF LIFE FROM THE HIGHEST POINT OF VIEW.' / TRUE PRAYER IS HIGH-LEVEL THINKING. / SO WHEREVER THERE IS A PROBLEM, / CLIMB THE HILL AND ENGAGE IN THANK-THINKING, / GIVE THANKS, / GIVE WAY TO THE FLOW. /



▶ YOU MAY REMEMBER IN THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS OF JESUS/  
DRAMATICALLY RAISING LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD,/ AND  
THE EQUALLY SURPRISING ACCOUNT/ OF HIS FEEDING  
5000 PEOPLE FROM ONE BOY'S LUNCH./ THE ACCOUNT  
IN EACH CASE INDICATES, /' HE LIFTED UP HIS EYES  
AND GAVE THANKS. ' / IN OTHER WORDS HE GOT ALTITUDE  
IN HIS THINKING, / WHAT WE COULD CALL 'THE THANKS-  
GIVING PERSPECTIVE.' / SOME MIGHT WONDER, / 'BUT  
WHAT DID HE HAVE TO GIVE THANKS FOR?' / AS WE  
HAVE ALREADY SAID, / IT WAS GIVING THANKS FROM THE  
CONSCIOUSNESS / OF THE EVER-PRESENT UNIVERSAL FLOW.  
REMEMBER 'A GRATEFUL MIND / IS A GREAT MIND / WHICH  
ATTRACTS TO ITSELF GREAT THINGS.'

NOW, DON'T GET HUNG UP ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE  
SO-CALLED MIRACLES. / THE IMPORTANT KEY IS THE  
'THANKSGIVING PERSPECTIVE', / GIVING WAY TO AN  
UNPRECEDENTED FLOW OF LIFE AND SUBSTANCE. /  
WHETHER IT <sup>IS</sup> ATTRACTED ~~IT~~ FROM OUTER SOURCES, /  
OR, IS <sup>IS</sup> MATERIALIZED 'EX NIHILO' / - OUT OF NOTHING  
IS ACTUALLY / TRREEVENT.



I READ A STORY FROM ONE OF THE METAPHYSICAL JOURNALS / THE AUTHOR<sup>15</sup> TELLING OF HER OWN EXPERIENCE. / IT SEEMED THAT SHE WAS THREATENED BY ~~THESE~~ ALL THE WELL-PUBLICIZED SYMPTOMS / OF A DREAD CONDITION THAT WOULD BE A THREAT TO HER BUSINESS CAREER. / AT THE SAME TIME SHE WAS FACING / SOME FINANCIAL OBSTACLES THAT ~~SEEMED~~ SEEMED INSURMOUNTABLE. / THUS SHE WAS TERRIBLY DEPRESSED. / SINCE SHE WAS A BEACH-PERSON, / SHE DROVE TO THE SHORE ONE LATE-AFTERNOON AND SAT ON THE SANDS / WATCHING THE SURF WITH ITS CONSTANT ENERGY, <sup>FLY</sup> AND THEN WATCHING THE BRILLIANT SUNSET. / THEN AS DARKNESS FELL, / SHE STRETCHED OUT ON THE SAND ~~AND~~ <sup>ING</sup> GAZED UPWARD INTO THE BLUE OF THE NIGHT SKY / AND THE VAST AND LIMITLESS DISPLAY OF STARS. / SHE SEEMED TO RISE ABOVE HER EARTH-BOUND THOUGHTS, / EXPERIENCING A NEW UNIVERSAL PERSPECTIVE. <sup>AND</sup> / WITH A FEELING OF ONENESS WITH THE UNIVERSE, / SHE DROPPED OFF TO SLEEP.



SHE AWAKENED THE NEXT MORNING WITH A FEELING OF  
CONFIDENCE. / SHE KNEW SHE WAS HEALED. / THE  
SYMPTOMS HAD VANISHED, / AND A SUBSEQUENT VISIT  
TO A DOCTOR CONFIRMED THE HEALING. / SHE WAS  
GUIDED TO MAKE A CERTAIN CONTACT. / <sup>WITH A FINANCIAL SOURCE</sup> AND IN A  
MATTER OF DAYS, / HER WHOLE ~~DIFFICULT~~ EXPERIENCE  
WAS RESOLVED. / SHE HAD BEEN RESURRECTED FROM HER  
TOMB OF DESPAIR / BY GETTING A MOUNTAIN-TOP PER-  
SPECTIVE. /

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IN JOHN 7: WE READ / 'AND THEY WENT EVERY MAN INTO  
HIS OWN HOUSE / BUT JESUS WENT UNTO THE MOUNT OF  
OLIVES.' / I USED TO READ THIS WITH PITY. / HOW  
COULD ~~THE~~ DISCIPLES DRAW UPON HIS SUPPORTIVE  
CONSCIOUSNESS ALL DAY, / AND THEN LEAVE HIM INHOSPI-  
TABLY OUT IN THE NIGHT / 'NO WHERE TO LAY HIS HEAD' /  
<sup>I VISUALIZED AN IMAGINARY SCENARIO IN MY MIND</sup>  
~~THE DISCIPLES WERE GREETED BY THEIR FAMILIES, / GOING~~  
~~INTO A SAVORY MEAL, / WITH THE BED MADE, / AND THE~~  
~~PILLOW FLUFFED. / ... AND JESUS ALONE WITH NO PLACE~~  
~~TO GO.~~



~~THE~~ NOW I SEE IT DIFFERENTLY./ IT COULD~~BE~~ THAT THE DISCIPLES TOSSED AND TURNED IN ~~THEIR~~ TENSE AND~~W~~ORRIED SLEEPLESSNESS,/~~ROLLING THEIR PILLOW INTO A LITTLE BALL.~~/. WHILE JESUS, ~~WITH A MOUNTAIN FOR A PILLOW,~~/ WAS ON THE MOUNTAIN, / BUSILY ENGAGED IN HIS PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE./ JESUS DID NOT ACHIEVE HIS POWER / BY OCCASIONAL ATTEMPTS TO PERFORM MIRACLES / HIS VICTORY IN GETHSEMANE WAS NO SUDDEN SURGE OF COURAGE / WHEN HE LIFTED UP HIS EYES AND GAVE THANKS, / LIKE THE PERFORMING ARTIST HERE ON THE STAGE OF AVERY FISHER HALL, IT <sup>IT</sup> IS A BEARING OF THE FRUIT OF LONG YEARS OF DISCIPLINE AND PRACTICE.

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IT IS IMP~~OR~~TANT FOR OUR OWN SPIRITUAL STABILITY / TO KEEP OUR THOUGHTS OPEN IN APPRECIATION FOR THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. / I ONCE HEARD SOMEONE REMARK, 'WHAT A TERRIBLE~~WORLD~~ THIS IS!' / AND I SURPRISED MYSELF BY BLURTING OUT, 'COMPARED TO WHAT!'



IT IS THE ONLY WORLD WE HAVE. / IT IS A CHANGING  
WORLD, / AND OFTEN A CHALLENGING WORLD. / AND THERE  
ARE AN ABUNDANCE OF GROUNDS FOR WORRYING, / FOR  
COMMISERATING, / IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. /

I RECALL THE STORY OF ~~THE~~ <sup>THE</sup> WOMAN WHO WAS ALWAYS  
IN A STATE OF COMPLAINT / ABOUT THE CONTINUING  
MISFORTUNES THT SEEMED TO PLAGUE HER. / A FRIND  
SAID TO HER, 'OH COME NOW, THINGS ARE NOT ALL  
THAT BAD. / WHY NOT LOOK FOR THE GOOD, AND GET  
A MORE THANKFUL SPIRIT?' / SHE REPLIED, / OH NO.  
IT SEEMS TO ME WHEN THE LORD SENDS ME TRIBULATION  
/ IT IS MY DUTY TO TRIBULATE. '

OF COURSE, GOD DOESN'T SEND US PROBLEMS. / ..AND  
IT IS OUR DUTY, / NOT TO 'TRIBULATE', / BUT TO KEEP  
A HIGH ENOUGH PERSPECTIVE. / ..AND TO GIVE THANKS  
IN ALL THINGS.

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THE BEAUTIFUL PART OF THE HIGH PERSPECTIVE OF  
GRATITUDE / IS THAT IT ENABLES YOU TO APPRECIATE  
YOUR ABILITY TO APPRECIATE. SO MANY PERSONS,



WHEN GROPING NEGATIVELY FOR THINGS TO GIVE THANKS FOR, / SIMPLY FOCUS ON THEIR INADEQUACIES. / THEY ~~ARE~~ COUNT THEIR ENVIES ONE BY ONE. / 'HE IS SO TALENTED' / 'SHE HAS SO MANY LOVELY THINGS' / 'WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE HIS CREATIVE ABILITY.' etc

IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF APPRECIATION<sup>lev</sup>. / THERE IS MUCH THAT IS BEAUTIFUL~~AND~~ AND WONDERFUL IN THE~~THE~~ WORLD WE LIVE IN, / AND IN THE PEOPLE~~THE~~ WITH WHOM WE LIVE AND WORK. / .. TO THOSE WHO HAVE EYES TO SEE.

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~~THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE READERS' DIGEST A FEW YEARS AGO. / .. DESCRIBING <sup>THE</sup> JAPANESE PEOPLE / AND THEIR REMARKABLE SENSE OF APPRECIATION. / THE STORY TOLD OF A GROWER OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS. / THE EMPEROR WAS COMING TO ENJOY HIS BLOSSOMS. / HE HAD HUNDREDS OF FLOWERS IN BLOOM. / HE SELECTED THE MOST MAGNIFICENT SPECIMEN. / AND CUT DOWN ALL THE OTHERS, / .. LEAVING ONLY THIS ONE PERFECT FLOWER. / THE EMPEROR~~



~~CAME AND SAT FOR MANY HOURS / QUIETLY LOOKING AT  
THIS FLOWER, / LETTING ITS BEAUTY HAVE ITS WAY WITH  
HIM.~~

~~IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE AN AMERICAN / SPENDING THAT  
MUCH TIME WITH ONE FLOWER. / ..SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAV  
TENDED TOWARD / THE LOSS OF APPRECIATION OF QUALITY /  
IN OUR ACQUISITIVE URGE TO HAVE QUANTITY.~~

~~AND~~ THE ~~SAME~~ ARTICLE TOLD ABOUT A JAPANESE SNOW-  
VIEWING PARTY. / IT WAS AT THE HOME OF A FAMILY  
WHO HAD A LOVELY PICTURE WINDOW / LOOKING OUT ON A  
SNOWY LANDSCAPE. / THE AFFAIR WAS HELD AT THE TIME  
OF THE FULL MOON. / THE MOON, SHINING ON THE SNOW,  
REFLECTED THE DARK BARREN BRANCHES OF THE TREES.  
THERE WAS NO CONVERSATION AMONG THE PEOPLE, NO  
DRINKING, / NO TV, / NO HUBBUB. / THE GUESTS JUST CAME /  
AND SAT / AND APPRECIATED THE SNOW / IN THE MOONLIGHT.  
A STRANGE KIND OF PARTY BY AMERICAN STANDARDS,  
AND YET ONE OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF ~~THE~~ THANKSGIVING  
/ IS THIS CAPACITY TO APPRECIATE THE SIMPLE THINGS



▶/IN A 'COUNT-YOUR-MANY-BLESSINGS' PREPARATION FOR  
THANKSGIVING,/IT IS NATURAL TO THINK OF PEOPLE./  
THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE PEOPLE~~E~~/ARE THOSE WHO HAVE  
A CONSCIOUSNESS THT SEEMS SOMEHOW/TO PROJECT THE  
FEELING,/'WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD THIS IS.'/ I  
REMEMBER JUST SUCH A PERSON (<sup>ND</sup>A VIVIDLY) A HALF A  
CENTURY LATER./I HAD A JOB WORKING ALL NIGHT IN  
A BAKERY,/WHILE WORKING MY WAY THROUGH COLLEGE  
{LITERALLY} MY HE~~CTIC~~CTIC SCHEDULE WAS MADE EASIER/,  
AND IN FACT THE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ALL-NIGHT SHIFT WAS EVEN  
SOMETHING I LOOKED FORWARD TO EVERYDAY,/BECAUSE  
I WORKED WITH ONE OF THE HAPPIEST,/FRIENDLIEST/,  
AND LOVINGEST PERSONS/I HAVE EVER KNOWN./ HE WAS  
CALLED TUBBY /{I NEVER KNEW HIS NAME} HE WASN'T  
EVEN/FAT -/HE WAS A SLIGHT LITTLE FELLOW./ THE  
NICKNAME 'TUBBY'/CAME FROM HIS JOB OF WHEELING  
AROUND THE LARGE TUBS OF DOUGH/TO FEED THE SODA-  
CRACKER ROLLING MACHINES.



TUBBY WAS ALWAYS LAUGHING, /CLOWNING, /JOKING. /.. A POSITIVE CATALYST FOR THE WHOLE NIGHT-SHIFT IN THE BAKERY. / A BRIGHT SPOT IN A MONOTONOUS ASSEMBLY LINE <sup>SORT OF</sup> JOB. ONE NIGHT TUBBY WAS NOT AT WORK - /THE PLACE WAS LIKE A MORGUE, AND THE WORK WAS EXHAUSTING. / NEXT NIGHT, / AGAIN HE WAS NOT AT WORK. / AND THEN TUBBY WAS BACK /- THE PLACE LIT UP. / AND IT WAS THEN THAT I DISCOVERED /FROM ANOTHER WORKER / THAT TUBBY HAD BEEN TAKING HIS INVALID WIFE FOR SOME HOSPITAL TESTS IN ANOTHER CITY. / HE HAD THE FULL CARE OF HIS FOUR YOUNG CHILDREN /- AND A WIFE WHO NEEDED COMPLETE CARE. HE WAS HEAVILY IN DEBT FOR DOCTORS, / NURSES, / AND HOSPITALS / IN A TIME WHEN THERE WAS NO HOSPITALIZATION OR MEDICAID, ETC.

ONCE IN A SERIOUS TALK WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL MAN, HE SAID, 'YOU KNOW, / PEOPLE OFTEN ASK ME IF I AM NOT RESENTFUL / OR FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF. /.. SHOOT, I AM NO ~~WEEK~~ SAINT, / AND THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I



GET DOWN. / BUT I BOUNCE RIGHT UP WHEN I REALIZE HOW FORTUNATE I AM TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL WIFE, AND SUCH FINE CHILDREN. / .AND FOR A STRONG BODY / AND A GOOD JOB, / AND THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH GREAT GUYS LIKE YOU. ' / - AND QUICKLY HE WAS BACK CLOWNING I WILL NEVER FORGET TUBBY!

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▶ THE FLIP SIDE OF THIS / IS HOW UNATTRACTIVE AND EME DOWNRIGHT UGLY IS INGRATITUDE. / A BUSINESS MAN, ON HIS WAY TO THE OFFICE, / ALWAYS GREETED AN OLD MAN WHO STOOD ON THE CORNER SELLING SHOE LACES. ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK FOR MANY YEARS / THE MAN WOULD STOP AND GIVE THE OLD FELLOW A QUARTER, / BUT WOULD NEVER TAKE THE SHOE-LACES. / ONE DAY HE MADE HIS USUAL GIFT OF A QUARTER, / AND THE SHOE SALESMAN SAID, / 'I'M SORRY SIR, THE PRICE OF SHOELACES HAS GONE UP TO 40 CENTS.'

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I LOVE THE ATTITUDE ~~OR~~ EXPRESSED BY ONE OF OUR SUPPORTERS OF THE RADIO WORK. / ALONG WITH A GIFT



THERE IS USUALLY A CRYPTIC NOTE THAT SAYS, /'HERE  
IS A PIECE OF THE UNIVERSE.'/ IT REFLECTS THE  
CONSCIOUSNESS, /'I LIVE IN THE UNIVERSE /AND IT  
LIVES IN ME./ .THEREFORE ~~IT~~ IS MINE TO USE AND ~~EN~~<sup>TO</sup>  
ENJOY.

HOW GOOD TO KNOW THAT ~~THE~~ THE ART GALLERIES AND  
LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS ARE MINE TO ENJOY./ THE  
SUNRISES AND SUNSETS AND MOONLIT NIGHTS ARE MINE  
TO CELEBRATE. HOW RICH ONE CAN FEEL! AND THAT  
FEELING OF AFFLUENCE/IS A KEY TO OPENING THE WAY  
TO THE FLOW./ THIS ATTITUDE WOULD ~~LEAD~~ LEAD TO RESPECT  
FOR PROPERTY, /AND A <sup>DEEP</sup> ~~HEALTHY~~ RESPECT FOR PEOPLE/-  
ALL PEOPLE. / MOST OF ALL IT WOULD LEAD TO A  
HEALTHY SELF-RESPECT/AND A FEELING OF SELF-WORTH.

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I CHALLENGE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMING THANKSGIVING  
DAY /A TIME OF CELEBRATION. CELEBRATE THE AFFLU-  
ENCE OF THE UNIVERSE/AND THE FREE FLOW OF SUB-  
STANCE/AND LIFE/AND INTELLIGENCE IN YOU./ RESOLVE



ON THIS DAY TO RAISE YOUR THOUGHTS/TO THE HIGHEST  
POSSIBLE LEVEL /ABOUT PEOPLE /AND THINGS, /KNOWING  
THAT THINKING GOOD IS REALLY THANKING GOD. / SPEND  
SOME TIME THINKING ABOUT AND COMMITTING YOURSELF  
TO PRACTICE 'THANK-THINKING'. / WHEN YOU FACE LIFE  
WITH A THANK-FILLED HEART, / YOU WILL <sup>BEIN</sup> GIVE ALL ~~THE~~  
THINGS THAT YOU SEE... A DAILY DOSE OF COSMIC ~~PR~~  
PRAISE!

Visualize SITTING ON A HIGH HILL SEEING ALL THINGS  
FROM MOUNTAIN-TOP PERSPECTIVE.

THANK-THINKING.