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**Peace**

Not as the world gives, not the victor’s peace,  
Not to be fought for, hard-won, or achieved,  
Just grace and mercy, gratefully received:  
An undeserved and unforeseen release,  
As the cold chains of memory and wrath  
Fall from our hearts before we are aware,  
Their rusty locks all picked by patient prayer,  
Till closed doors open, and we see a path  
Descending from a source we cannot see;  
A path that must be taken, hand in hand,  
Only by those, forgiving and forgiven,  
Who see their saviour in their enemy.  
So reach for me, we’ll cross our broken land,  
And make each other bridges back to Heaven.