In Thoughtful Silence

The silence stabs into my heart Draining away the gathering dark Opening my eyes to the unseen And helping me to see dreams Strings that bind me go untaught For the silence ... unleashes thought

The Routine

Weary though his fool's heart be He dredges through the rank mud His ears no more hear, his eyes no more see All felt is frozen rain upon a heavy brow

Blind and deaf obsession fixed Upon a garden, a fable of leisure His head hangs low, his mind perplexed By troubles which from that garden grow

Through putrid air of victims past He smells the perfume trace of a lonely flower Placed gently behind an ear, a fragrant savior to last His murky quest drags on, his harvest slow

While strolling along a pathway A stranger did I encounter An exchange of names and we find Our destination is in kind So we walked for a day Conversing on life and rhyme Upon many forks we did weigh Choosing in concert each time But solemnly we paused Discovering named crossroads One spoke of my companion's The other of my cause We smile and shake hands And fall parting words as we diverge Very seldom are found roads Which separate and again converge But I have come upon a few Miles behind, perhaps one or two Our paths could another day Come together again to dance And as I took along to my way Another stranger did I chance