No difference between

A roomful of souls

And a roomful

Of soul.

\*

These words are an oar

Pointed at the place

In the ocean called ocean.

\*

I woke, one day,

Living a life, until I saw

I was life itself.

I look for something

Of greatest value,

Created

Without motive.

\*

When I'm brilliant,

So is everyone else,

When they're brilliant,

So am I.

\*

Prodigal child of heaven,

Gone to stretch

Heaven out, inside itself.

Here,

From the beginning

Of this moment, to the moment

Of this Beginning.

\*

Who I am

Is wholly this capacity

For being who I am.

\*

My life

Can never be made

Significant enough

To set me free.

Everyone

Is lit from within

By the same light

That lights us all.

\*

Most thinking is attached

To the belief it will never

Be set free.

\*

What makes me unique

Separates who I am

From everyone else.

If I make a noise

That never ends,

How can I know

I am at peace?

\*

I am a painting

That tries to paint

A painting

That paints itself.

\*

I draw a straight line

Through the invisible,

Until it disappears.

Who I am

Is simply true,

Not a complexity

To untangle.

\*

Awareness

Is not a wisdom

To be learned and taught

Or taught and learned.

\*

My mind is wood,

Inherently wishing

To become

Its own fire.

Surrender means

My mind does nothing

And then forgets what happens

Next.

\*

All light

Makes love to shadow,

And all shadow

Surrenders to the light.

\*

I imagine

That a feeling is mine,

When I merely

Hold it tight.

To be ruled by emotion,

The same as wanting

To rule emotion.

\*

This,

Transparent oratory of life,

Empty story of what is.

\*

Every time

Is the first time,

To see the true face

Of life itself.

My true self,

Sensed, but unknown,

Then barely glimpsed,

Finally recognized.

\*

My thinking

Distrusts awareness,

Believing it a product

Of thought.

\*

As I love my body/mind,

I love this illusion

Of who I am.

I try to take

Control

Of my life's recognition

From who I am.

\*

I will not run from my fire

Toward its

Projected light

On the trees.

\*

The wisest mind

Can but describe

This art of being

In life itself.

I distrust my life,

When the illusion

Shields the reality.

\*

Recognition

Overcomes thinking,

How does it happen?

It happens.

\*

Who I'm being

Can't possess

Who I am,

The thing cannot

Possess itself.

This seeing

Cannot be spoken

In any language

Known to the mind.

\*

My possessiveness

Is concern, not for love,

But for the loss

Of love.

\*

I look at my own

Sun,

My mind goes blind

In the light of life itself.

I am this light

Of life itself

Looking into

The heart of itself.

\*

Actual surrender

Lives

In the steadiness

Of this awareness.

\*

The need

To end separation

Drives the attempt

To find wholeness.

Instead of seeking

Salvation,

I recognize its presence

Within.

\*

Awareness, speaking,

Sounds like leadership,

Leadership sounds

Like cant.

\*

In having a relationship

With God,

I am kept away from God.

In this brief

Moment,

I am the reality

Of infinity.

\*

Already being

Who I am

Is my first,

Last,

And finest teacher.

\*

The ocean's wave

Distrusts

Its own greater love

Of its own lesser self.

As a seeker of relief

From disunion,

I bleed through

A healed wound.

\*

I'm aware

Of my patterns,

But my patterns

Can't see my awareness.

\*

Contemplation of thought

Is contemplation itself

In a costume.

My love

Doesn't bridge

Any gap,

When there isn't

Any gap to bridge.

\*

Love builds a bridge

Over love itself,

To reach the other side

Of love.

\*

Calm joy,

The common denominator

Of every true moment.

The surest way

To defend my innocence

Is to

Return to it.

\*

To be free of addiction

Is to be free

Of its addicting

Thought.

\*

Feeling joy

Is the quick presence

Of the moment

In which it occurs.

I transfer my attention

From the things of joy

To this life of joy.

\*

Stillness

May be clear

In turmoil

And obscured

By passivity.

\*

Desire,

Seeking to banish fear,

Is instead

Its partner in crime.

The finest language

Appears, to disappear,

Into

What it is not.

\*

The greatest language

Points toward stillness,

From within

Stillness itself.

\*

Union occurs,

By jumping

Out of separation,

Into oneself.

The way

To unlimited thought

Is to open thought

Beyond itself.

\*

Undefined thought

Is the open field

Where my best

Thinking occurs.

\*

I let go of thrills,

To stay in this constant

Thrill of reality.

When the king sees himself

Naked,

He also sees

He is still a king.

\*

I catch

The steady gaze

Of the real

In the eyes of illusion.

\*

In this knowing,

So deep within,

I release the waves

Of knowledge.

To be awake

Can't be taught,

Except as an open

Invitation.

\*

I awaken,

And what I awaken to,

Is this awakening.

\*

Ego,

A mental bond

To itself,

Grows in size

To fill its own

Void.

Awareness

Includes struggle,

Without the limitations

Of struggle.

\*

An arrow flies out

From my origin,

And my mind

Tries to guide it.

\*

The ego I am

In part,

Names me a part

Of what it claims to be.

To be aware

Of life itself

Is to be aware

In

Life itself.

\*

Minding the forms

Of surrender

Shuts the door

Surrender opens.

\*

Thought, feeling, and action

Can never affect

This true reality.

I look in the mirror,

And I do not

Need a name

For what sees me.

\*

Nothing and all

Are interchangeably

Meaningful and meaningless.

\*

Stillness

Is the purest

Example of being

In nothing but peace.

Nothing

Is a word,

Like bread,

Between swallows

Of the mind's

Wine.

\*

Stillness, in anything,

Is the instance

Of being in everything.

\*

Amazement

Need no longer be preceded

By anticipation.

If I call awareness

Ecstasy,

I build castles

Of air in air.

\*

Awareness of life itself

Occurs

When the striving for it

Passes.

\*

If I believe

Any part of life

Is not its essence,

I miss it.

I don't die to be reborn,

I let go of my hold

On this life.

\*

To fall awake

Is to no longer

Hold thoughts,

As one lets go

To sleep.

\*

My mind wants

To make a beloved pet

Of every

Imagined thought.

If I fear to know

Who I am,

Who I am cannot

Fully appear.

\*

I put my self

Inside a self

Larger than myself

And watch it fit.

\*

Ego is wrapped

In bundles of past,

Tied up, in ribbons

Of future.

I'm not an ego

But life itself,

Hanging out,

On a Friday night.

\*

I

Is a creation

Of my ability

To imagine it.

\*

A wave is not

The ocean,

But within the ocean

It is nothing but.

I see the good

That appears

Within myself,

Without calling it

Mine.

\*

Following gods

Is the consoling belief

Of the imprisoned mind.

\*

Thought

Prevents me from knowing

The very thing it desires

The most.

Nothing can be done

To quiet me,

Until I find quiet itself.

\*

In this loud crashing

Around me,

That I crash into,

No crash occurs.

\*

In feeling small,

I often neglect

This not small life

That fills me

Whole.

This moment

Of my existence

Is the moment

Of all existence.

\*

Neither light

Nor things lighted,

This light is the heart

Of light itself.

\*

Neither heat,

Nor things heated,

This heat is the heart

Of heat itself.

Only in this moment,

Can I prove this factual

Reality.

\*

I see

The keeper of thoughts

Is a phantom of my own

Devising.

\*

In my hands,

Gently resting,

I behold the grip

Of anger and fear.

Life itself, in all I am,

Reveals what occurs

In everything.

\*

In imagination

The essence of my being

Seems lost, cold, dead.

\*

When I try

For the light to go out

Of my eyes,

The brighter things get.

\*

Love and joy

Are the objects of hope,

Like water

In a hopeful sieve.

\*

When hope occurs

In my heart,

I greet its good

And not its likelihood.

\*

Living separate

From who I am,

I live in the darkness

Of doubt.

\*

Finding the light

Has become the teaching

Of the masters of darkness.

\*

Those who propose

Paths of wholeness

Are masters

Of the relative dark.

\*

One masters the dark

By recognizing the light

That's already on.

To be still

Is to let everything

That is already

True,

Be true.

\*

Within my heart,

Is everything

That is less than

The reach of my heart.

\*

I become full

The moment I am empty,

Even of emptiness.

My painting of the sunset

Looks good in the light

Of the setting sun.

\*

In the search for myself,

I find and define

Everything I am not.

\*

The non-mind called heart,

Is neither heart

Nor mind,

Nor is it anything

Else.

I'm still true,

When I don't speak of truth,

In this moment

Of being true.

\*

Fortunately, who I am

Cannot

And does not

Forget

Who I am.

\*

I cede my heart

To its tiny twin,

The red saint of February.

Awareness,

Already here,

My only ambition,

Without regret.

\*

Empty habits

Of mind

Call themselves

Familiar

And fulfilling.

\*

I do not

Conquer the world,

But welcome it

Into this moment.

Silence,

Spoken from the heart

Is stillness,

I'm alive, in this

Stillness.

\*

Love's imitations

Help my mind

To block love from its reality.

\*

My mind shoves love

Aside,

For its own variants,

And yet love

Remains.

I move quickly,

All day,

Until I'm made dark

By the ongoing

Rush.

\*

When I slow to who I am,

My running self

Catches up with itself.

\*

If I live in fate,

I meet those

Who also live

In fate's illusion.

Give up the cruel

Unknown,

Allow the benign

Unknown to occur.

\*

Unwilling to be

This much in love,

All the time,

I am not yet free.

\*

To have no idea,

And then to go

Where the no idea

Leads.

In this,

My mind is freed

From the task of becoming

What it is not.

\*

The natural real

Of who I am,

Knows who I am,

Already.

\*

Who complains

About nothingness,

When inside nothing,

Everything is?

This love of myself,

My true happiness,

Has nothing to do with

Me.

\*

I consciously shift

From being this doing

To doing this being.

\*

I live a knowing life

In this life of unknowing

In life itself.

To be fearless

Is not to never

Feel fear,

But to never hold it.

\*

To let go of hope

Is not to be hopeless,

But to not clutch

At hope.

\*

Not desire's death,

But the passing

Of desire's hold

On my heart.

I'm exactly

Who I am,

No apologies

To what I am not.

\*

This break

From definition

Identifies me

More and more clearly.

\*

I gaze into

The mirror,

Free of its

Mis-identi-fication.

I'm in love

Across the differences,

Where love

Sees no difference.

\*

No shadow reveals

This unshadowy state

Of being itself.

\*

In my

Human habits,

I dwell in fear

And the denial

Of fear.

True to life

Beyond myself,

I let go of my

Habitual fear.

\*

When my open heart

Goes out,

I see it find its way

In the world.

\*

Every object of love

Appears

In the overflow

Of love itself.

The light finds the mirror,

And the mirror the light,

The seer and the seen.

\*

Light doesn't

Leave its home,

No matter the reach

Of its beam or focus.

\*

I easily blunt

The everpresent edge

Of wonder and delight.

Awareness in time,

Easily deserted,

Impossible to leave.

\*

A thought

In the mind of time

Is all it takes

To postpone

This moment.

\*

I let go of changing

The world,

And I live in

A changed world.

Selfless acceptance

Is the surrender

Of all my useless

Baggage.

\*

The wisest life

Lives to be

Alive and awake

In the same moment.

\*

As I mature,

I work from the center

Of innate maturity.

The sun's nature

Is to shine,

Not to seek out

What it illuminates.

\*

No secrets,

Only secrecy,

I'm not a secret,

Where none exists.

\*

No keys to the garden,

Unlocked, unguarded,

Since

Its life's beginning.

Guaging the limits

Of eternity,

This moment, its container.

\*

No story of the rea,l

Written or spoken,

In its place,

It lives.

\*

What I am

Recognizes

The innate transcendence

Of all being.

This newness I feel

Is the constant character

Of existence.

\*

These words are only

Of

The reality

Of this being alive.

\*

Every spoken truth

Is one step removed

From the real

It speaks of.

I open a place

Where the honoring

Of the real

Is unending.

\*

Who is genuine?

And with whom

Am I compelled

To be genuine?

\*

With whom

Is my true nature

Spontaneous and unavoidable?

Who is present,

Here in this moment,

Without thought

Or affectation?

\*

I am free

In the genuine,

And with all its

Approximations.

\*

I'm present

With the ingenuous

And disingenuous

Alike.

I don't close off

One room,

In order to recognize

The whole house.

\*

I bring stillness

Into movement,

All at once,

In moving, I am still.

\*

This awareness

Itself,

Inclusive, relentless,

Undeniable.

When I am at peace,

I am in grace,

The sky, greater

Than its expanse.

\*

Completely in love

With what I am,

I am no one

In the doorway.

\*

I needn't act original

To be inside

Originality.

Life itself,

Living in a body,

In conscious love of this,

My life.

\*

None

Of this reality

Requires study,

Or practice, or thought.

\*

All spiritual beliefs

Keep me away from

Their presumed

Essence.

I feel the presence

Of life itself

In a room full of others.

\*

My feeling of openness

Embraces

The presence of life itself.

\*

The real,

Known to me,

Words,

Merely conjured,

Invented, to name it.

Words are costumes

For the naked truth

That's invisible and silent.

\*

No path

Crosses my mind

I might take away

From being what I am.

\*

Thought can always

Go away from this,

Thought can always

Come toward this.

This moment

Is always available,

Here, now,

Wherever I am.

\*

I am drawn to the real,

Then,

The relative real

Within it.

\*

To maintain the mind's power,

The doorway

Claims credit

For the meeting.

This is the one

Miracle

That recognizes

The miraculous.

\*

A teacher only serves

To open the door

That's already

Open.

\*

A doorway in doorlessness

Is open wide to

Openness itself.

The vacancy

Of the atom

Reveals

The illusion of form.

\*

This moment,

Eternity's dwelling place,

This moment,

In endless birth.

\*

These moments of time

Combine,

Into less than what occurs

Between them.

A bird in a cage,

Nowhere to fly,

Sings the freedom

Of open sky.

\*

In someone

Else's truth,

I trade my spirit,

For an education.

\*

Being inside love

With another

Is living life in love itself.

Faith in anything

But faith itself

Creates

What can't be created.

\*

The center

Of the universe

Lives in this present

Reality.

\*

When I forget the truth

Of who I am,

It's a loss

To the character I have become.

I am who I am,

In this formless reality

And in the forms

In which I appear.

\*

I'm annoyed by thoughts of self,

Only when I crowd myself

With these thoughts.

\*

I can't go wrong,

In playing who I am,

In knowing who I am,

In being what I am.

Looking to see,

I look here, I look there,

I look no place,

And I see.

\*

Words

Are mistaken

For a description

Of the indescribable.

\*

In awareness, I speak

To everyone and no one

In the same way.

I see peace

Pool out in my life,

In being at peace,

In peacefulness.

\*

Acceptance is my nature,

I will never not be in

Acceptance.

\*

To desire to love

And be loved

Is to blanket the snow

With white.

To want for love

Is to call a halt

To love

And beg for more.

\*

Peace in mind,

Serenity, delight,

I am their secret self

Laid bare.

\*

To see

Is to look in the face

Of life itself

In every face.

I see I am an instance

Of life itself,

Everyone else the same.

\*

When I see others

As I am,

I fall awake in this dream

Of us.

\*

Dreamless and unbound

By my dreams,

I live in the dream's

Awakening.

I trace thought

All the way back

To where it begins

In unthought being.

\*

What is called sin

Is released

By this awareness

Of what I am not.

\*

Desire

Declares a separation

That demands it end,

Right then.

Lust believes

Its own nature,

Requires an immediate

Remedy.

\*

Possessiveness believes

That whatever

Cannot be held,

Must be held.

\*

My amazement arises from

The timeless newness

Of life itself.

I watch the hands

Of my mind

To see what they're trying

To hold, so tight.

\*

Life lives not by plan,

But by the intuition

Of its occurrence.

\*

I hold a thought

Close,

Then away from myself,

And then, I let it go.

Cherishing my human

Character,

I'm kind to myself

In others.

\*

I surrender everything

But this,

And then I surrender

This.

\*

In my own reality,

I am present

In the heart

Of the real.

I've never not been

In love,

Occasionally, in some

Shape of it.

\*

How can I love

Anyone,

If I don't risk

Pulling this heart apart?

\*

Here I am,

A universe of the universe,

Part of the whole,

Whole.

I am the moment,

In which all I am

Occurs,

I am the moment.