

# Connecting New

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This month I share a basket of shorter poems. Sometimes the best poems are the shortest ones. I hope you especially enjoy at least one of these.

## Blessed

She, from time to time,  
takes a sip of holy water...  
and it shows.

## Bounds

Compassion knows  
only the bounds  
we place on it

## Companion

When God sends her,  
love her first,  
love her through,  
love her after she leaves.  
Anything else of God  
will flow from this.

## Courage

It takes courage to eat tomato soup wearing a white blouse.  
It takes courage to travel to a foreign land unaccompanied.  
It takes courage to give a ride to a stranger.  
And it takes courage to claim your own goodness.

## Freedom

Until someone told him,  
he had no idea how many  
in the crowd were fed.  
Jesus wasn't counting.

## Good

Woke up feeling  
"It's good to be alive."  
and remembering  
"It won't last."

## Harsh

Got a report card in the mail  
today from God.  
The only words inside  
"You be the judge."

## List

Of all the things you have to do,  
being with God is not one of them.

## Listen

I used to fantasize that the  
trees would speak to me.  
Now I know,  
all I needed to do was listen.

## Love Longing

Love is not content  
longing to know the other  
deeply and deeper

## Mature

When I look in the mirror, my grandfather looks back.  
It's a gift to remember him and the mutual affection.  
It's a gift to see what really is.  
It's a gift to accept my potential to love like God.

## No Comparison

I asked Jesus what it's  
like in heaven. He said,  
"There's no comparison."

## Powerful

The most powerful unfreedoms  
are the ones we are not aware of.

## Simile

It's like making love  
praying  
and afterwards remains the  
tasks of the day  
singing all the while  
as the love glow lingers

## Toy

It takes about a minute to destroy  
what requires decades to grow.  
Compared to gossip, a chainsaw is but a toy.

## Unfreedom

The one freedom God cannot give  
is to exist separate from God.

## Wanderer

If only we could follow the heart of God  
as the Israelites followed the holy cloud,  
even if it looked to others that we were lost,  
there would not be one step wasted.

May all the words you hear today come from God.

Peace and Blessings,  
Clarence

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