

CARING

This world around us surges—
duties vie
for all our time,
our energies,
our care.

But greater Duty urges,
“Don’t pass by
a hurting heart
with burdens hard
to bear!”

Routine is not our master—
nor is fear,
or vanity,
or trivia,
or show. . . .

Amid a day’s disaster,
let’s live here
to lighten loads
and griefs, before
we go.

— *David L. Hatton, 2/23/2016*