

## CONVICTUS

If only you had tallied  
the treasures of the Maker,  
the mastermind Life-Giver,  
your shadow's Undertaker,  
and hadn't ran and rallied  
to feed on faithless passions,  
pursuing passing fashions  
of doubter's daily rations,  
you could have heard the story  
creation's voice was bringing—  
a cosmic chorus ringing  
to set the spirit singing—  
of Love, whose ageless glory  
are in our hearts reflected,  
and with hope, long expected,  
you might have been connected.

— *David L. Hatton, 2/2/2017*