

## EDUCATION

Dockings for dalliance, rods for their backs,  
welts on the hand, if their diligence lacks—  
these were the disciplines levied of old . . .  
tales from the schoolhouse great-grandparents told.

Tutored permissiveness now is the thing,  
reached from extremely wide pendulum swing  
into the crimes of the iconoclast:  
modern reaction to sins of the past.

God, grant us teachers who narrow this breach,  
setting high goals for our children in reach,  
rescuing students now left in the lurch,  
whetting their thirst for life's curious search!

Then, they'll be learning long after they've grown,  
Sowing wise seeds, as they nurture their own.

— *David L. Hatton, 1/27/2020*