

## **GOLD SET IN SILVER**

(Proverbs 25:11)

Words are symbols, subtle signs,  
dancing cadences in lines,  
housing what they're standing for—  
not the real . . . just metaphor.

Adjectives and verbs and nouns  
speak as actors, sport as clowns,  
add to verbal's running race,  
prep position's playing place.

How the harmonies abound,  
as they spin the reader round,  
take the mind within their span  
to implant their plot and plan!

While the motive of the word  
may be missed or never heard,  
yet the scene its labor sets  
celebrates what it begets.

Fitly fashioned, fitly said,  
treasure stores within the head  
show, by lip or pen or print,  
solid meanings, stark intent.

When profound and spoken well,  
silver words reveal and tell  
worthy apples made of gold  
framed in pictures new and old.

If the argent setting shown  
makes the golden message known,  
then the bowl and fruit will wed  
and for ages be re-read!

— *David L. Hatton, 10/12/2019*