

GREED

While avarice makes rich men poor,
the grateful poor are rich:
the attitudes—that mold the core
of both—determines which.

Unsatisfied with all its store,
the grasping fire of greed
burns hot to glut and gather more
beyond authentic need.

Contentment hangs among the keys
that open up a lock
to gracious golden treasuries
from which it shares its stock.

But lust can never quench its thirst;
its hunger reigns as lord!
Its wealth is doomed, forever cursed
by hands that heap its hoard.

Let wisdom guide you not to take
this stingy path of gain.
In peace you'll sleep, renewed awake,
while greed grows more insane.

— *David L. Hatton, 5/12/2016*