

LEAP YEAR'S EXTRA DAY

When three years of squandering minutes on end
have nurtured a debt that keeps growing, my friend,
it's useless to contemplate, "What are my dues,
with two dozen hours freely extra to use?"

If patterns of procrastination have ruled,
your reflexive habits aren't quick to be fooled.
So, open the polls and start casting your vote
to get on the ball, down-to-earth, and take note!

There's cleaning; there's pruning; your closet's replete
with clothes that don't fit, shoes too tight for your feet.
You've letters to answer and books still unread,
some unfinished projects to do before bed!

Resisting your trend's gravitational pull
to add to your daydreams by gathering wool,
prepare to employ this additional day,
then try the same mindset March, April and May!

— *David L. Hatton, 2/11/2020*