

POLITICAL ANGER

Don't fret over tyrants and troubles they bring.
The plight of the pauper's the same as the king.
The higher they hover, the harder they fall—
For Satan's a tempter who's after us all.
He stirs up proud thoughts just to take people down,
Though angry at rags or parading a crown.

So, fretting is folly, and ranting is more,
Distracting our minds from what's really in store.
For when the Inspection that counts has begun,
It won't even matter what others have done.
We each have our gardens to tend, great or small,
Don't disrupt your work peering over the wall.

— *David L. Hatton, 3/28/2017*