

REDEEMING DEADLY SINS

Our avarice denies the Lord
By holding back what it can hoard.
And covetousness wants to own
The world of things its eyes have known.
The endless lust for more, from greed,
Forever takes more than its need.

But generosity befriends
The lonely poor by what it lends.
And gratitude is happy for
The gifts of God within its door.
Contentment looks at all its stuff
And says, “That’s more than quite enough!”

—*David L. Hatton, 1/16/2009*