

## **SIJO POETRY #1, 3, 4**

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### **Sijo #1 - ADVENT HOPE**

Earth's captives, demon-tortured, bound in misery, chained in sin,  
cry their grief to Heaven's throne, begging mercy, help divine.  
Angels sing; star and shepherds greet the Lion-King, born a Lamb.

— 12/17/2019

### **Sijo #3 - AUTHENTICITY**

Honesty? Best policy. Confession? Good for the soul.  
Camouflage? Utterly stripped. Mimicked echoes? Dropped in mute heaps.  
Divine plan: one's true inner self, sole survivor of earth's sojourn.

— 1/16/2020

### **Sijo #4 - LAST DAYS**

Energy drains as leg girth swells, pace shuffles, mind gets winded  
remembering high school sports, bedside nursing, hiking with spouse;  
yet stubborn daydreams beg weak fingers for brush to paint, pen to write.

— 1/27/2020