

THE DEATH OF DEADLY SINS

Our *avarice* denies the Lord
By never sharing from its hoard.
And *covetousness* wants to own
The world of things its eyes have known.
The endless lust for more of *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, 1/16/09*