

## THE SUICIDE'S DESPAIR

The overwhelming shock after suicide  
is to know, at the moment of death,  
*“What! still alive . . . still in pain?!”*—  
while forever unable to go back to try  
working through it one more time,  
choosing something else, something new,  
or just learning to pray and wait for light.

— *David L. Hatton, 3/9/2020*