

WHY?

Why does God let them
Do this, this evil?

They must be free
To form their future
From earthly choices,
Choosing somewhere
To stay afterwards.
Refusing Heaven,
They meet God's refusal
To annihilate them.
God will not recant
His original creed
That "all that He had made
Was very good."

But why does He let them
Do this to me, this evil?

Longing for Heaven
Births "why" questions. . .
And only in Heaven
Will all tears be dried.
But Heaven begins
With an earthly choice
To let His healing hand
Soak up present tears.

— *David L. Hatton, 8/15/1994*