BECAUSE OF YOU, LOVE, MUCH IS STILL TO BE

Each change my enemy has made in me Leaves less to salvage, more to try to mend With failing muscle in the verb "to be."

Well-meaning pals insist no one can see The difference, I've no cause to try to fend Off changes tyrant time has made in me.

Mankind is his unwilling employee, Without insurance, or a dividend For failing muscle in the verb "to be."

We're pronouns subject to catasrophe. Yet you teach me acceptance, you befriend The changes tyrant time has made in me.

Your smile belies you're age's legatee; You stand, a model, you do not depend On failing muscle in the verb "to be."

Though our accounts of years do not agree, You show me dignity, the way to bend Each change, and then you build in me, Unfailing muscle in the verb "to be."

