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THE POWER TO PRAISE

How could I glorify almighty God?  
He has a psalmist He anointed king,  
Has chroniclers and choirs of angels shod  
In fire-tongued sandals, has a star-strung ring  
Of sun-robed saints; their worthy lyrics bounce  
Off planets, carom off magnetic poles  
As all of heaven's harmonies announce  
His majesty, His omnipresent roles.

I am, poor poet, bound by wooden words;  
No Herbert, Hopkins, Donne, I'm hostage to  
The commonplace in everything I do.  
And yet sometimes I'm borne as if by birds:  
He leads me, lends me unexpected grace--  
A Word that makes a difference in this place.

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