

Blessings

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### **3rd Blessing**

No you're not one to elbow in  
to shout down to prove you've  
gotta lotta nerve

won't weave through traffic without  
brakes or signals forcing everyone  
else to swerve

You wait your turn when many  
reach right in to grab more  
than they deserve

You have much you could contribute  
but let the wounded speak  
so they may feel heard

You're meek enough to call  
God's bluff to claim your inheritance  
by not saying a word

### **4th Blessing**

What we scan the horizon for  
is absent no sign  
of dawn no end to drought

little evidence either of  
virtue in our lives no way  
to thrive while doing without

We desire that sweet fire enlivening  
our tongues even just the slightest taste  
to bring our souls comfort

& then our hunger is overcome  
reserves await anticipating our needs  
reserves that will never fall short