

Blessings

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### **7th Blessing**

O to be an earth-mover making rough  
places plain to prepare the way  
to be like sandpaper smoothing drywall

like gentle waves on the shore erasing  
the imprints of a sandpiper like  
soothing sounds from the choir stall

or a mourning dove or the voice of the one  
who calms the sea or like the glove  
scooping up that ground ball

or a healing balm to those in need  
to feed the hungry to spread good seed  
to kneel in aid of those who fall

to build a bridge over a raging river  
to devise a surprisingly accepted plan  
that isn't blocked by protocol

to wisely iron wrinkles out to be  
peacemakers & to be  
the children listening for the call

### **8th Blessing**

This then is the blessing  
no one wants to be misunderstood  
or mistreated by those mistaking

you for a miscreant to suffer misfortune  
& the taunts of the misinformed who  
imagine it good to bring

insults against you the blessing  
of missed blessings which are anything but  
if they misdirect you from the central thing

This is the blessing to see beyond  
blessings to the blessing of being  
intimately known & intimately knowing