

### **Good Things, Too**

What I do not want  
Tries to pile up in my mind  
Then Satan extends position

There's the good things, too  
Pictures of Beauty — colors - colors - colors  
Kittens that come to stay  
Upon beds and laps they lay  
Purring day and night  
They are part of family ties  
And they let all know it.

— James Collins

### **Needlessness**

Life's reminder  
That it is good to be alive  
Same wounds — just a different day.

I carry needless burden  
Can I write with compassion  
Love that I've never known  
Listen for music in human heart  
A world held up by ink.

We need not keep distance  
God chastes our writers  
Given to written smells  
That the Lord somehow brings to life  
Love splashed with Ink

— James Collins