

Eternity Here and Now

In gratitude to God for the life
and ministry of Norbert E. Johnson



A warm setting sun
glistens on waving
branches of hemlock
as if pronouncing
its benediction
on all living things.

My soul comes alive
with the shimmering
as memories flow
in both mind and heart
from roots in hist'ry
to wings they supply.

From regions beyond
comes the awareness
that eternity
is nearer than life—
God's love manifest
within our being,

So little a thing
it seems, this vision,
yet full of wonder:
all in a moment
we are giv'n to see
and grasp the Kingdom.

Not just someday soon
but in this moment--
more than a foretaste
of things yet to be--
eternity here,
full of shimm'ring life.