

## BLESSING FOR ONE WHO HAS TAKEN THEIR OWN LIFE

You decided to leave us but we can never leave you,  
not in our minds,not in the inner recess of our wondering hearts,  
nor in the long twilight horizon where you will always walk  
in our memory.

Above on the mountain the lark will rise from the summer grass  
to the sky above your home and the song it sings  
will forever carry the mystery of your going.

You turned away from all our help,so that we have to  
ask for your help now, not in answers but in asking  
the difficult and beautiful questions your life bequeathed.

We are still not sure if you ever asked for the helping hand,but still we hold  
our hands out now to take yours in ours,to reassure you in the quiet of the morning  
or the silence of the night and in all the day to come when in our minds you still need our care  
to help you go on where we can't go,to see you safe beyond the quiet line  
of our understanding.

To walk with you now arm in arm with our regrets  
and our affection that one last mile along the way you  
wanted to go, the quiet in which we wave  
goodbye, only the sign of our secret promise to you, the continued  
and helpless testament of our unspoken love.