

# The sideways look

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The sideways look...  
How burdensome to mind and heart!  
What terrors when one's fate  
Hangs in the uneven balance  
Of what is happening in  
Another's life.

Oh Lord  
To me is given  
Life and love and every good  
Straight from your cross and ascended power  
Love, pure love, for me  
And shall I then complain?

Now may I well look sideways  
Not to gain from peer's uncertainties  
To counter mine, but  
To look upon their gain and loss  
As gain and loss of mine  
And ornament the honour given them.

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