

Invocation

I do not wish to breathe another breath
If it is not shared with others.
The breath of life is not mine alone.
I brought myself to be with you
Hoping that by inhaling
the compassion, the courage, the hope
found here
I can exhale
the fear, the selfishness, the separateness
I keep so close to my skin.

I cannot live another moment,
At least not one of joy,
Unless you and I find our oneness.
Somewhere among each other
Somewhere between the noise
Somewhere within the silence
Of the next breath.