

# *Eclipsing Life*

Let not the last hours eclipse the entire life  
Let not the pain, the forgetfulness, the suffering  
negate the joy, the memory, the exaltation of life.

Nothing decent, nothing noble  
no gesture of love, no smile of encouragement  
is swallowed up by death.

In memory there is a resurrection of the life of the spirit  
Memory is our hold on the past  
our solace in the present  
Our hope for the future.

Memory has a life of its own  
an afterlife  
a transfusion of meaning  
from one life to others.

The beloved who gave you life  
passed on to you a miraculous spark  
May it illumine your path and brighten your way.

Honor those recalled with your life  
Immortalize them with your undying spirit  
Sanctify their memory  
by sanctifying the world with the blessings of  
Godliness.

They are loved by their children  
and loved by children's children  
One generation flows into another  
The river remains eternal.

