

Then And Now

*Y*izkor, four times a year
On Yom Kippur, a solemn day for the affliction of souls
On the last days of Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot
The festivals of joy and exultation
Yizkor, on fasts and festivals
On moments both of contrition and celebration.

Different moments, different moods
The shadow of night and the sunlight of day
Night and day, God saw that it was all good.

Yesterday beckons to tomorrow
The past prologue to the future
Between both stands the Present
The Now that looks backwards and forwards
And chooses the way
Yizkor, the pivoting hinge.

