

I am taught by such examples,
And so, I owe them that much more,
But if I have only learned one thing
It is that generosity of spirit enriches a person.

Kindness and what is behind it
Elevates all things in importance.

Kindness shows us that we matter
And it shows us how to matter more.

Passage

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How To Matter More

“What is one to do?” Tom asked me.
“We cannot know anything with certainty,
And yet we feel these desires to be better,
And we love in ways that defy Darwin’s theories.”

There is something more than knowing.
There is not knowing and still trying.

There is not even knowing how to try
And trying just the same.

There is concern for one another.

There is wanting to help and willingness to try
And trying even though you don’t know how.

People talk about
The price Christ paid for us.

There are ways in which
I believe that is true

And ways in which I do not.

It is undoubtably true
We pay prices for each other
To learn, to grow, and to develop.

Others have paid prices
For my ignorance and confusion.

Others have paid prices
For things I had to go through
And grow through.

Others suffered
Because of things I failed to be,
Because of things I was not yet.

These debts are of a kind
I cannot repay.

These are things
One cannot make up for.

If others find it in their hearts
To forgive me,

If they are understanding,
I am all the more indebted.