

Even if we eliminate those things in us,
They still exist as parts of our past,
As parts of our potential, and as parts of others.

Real goodness shows in how it deals
With the least deserving of it.

It is most kind when kindness
Is most needed because it is most lacking.

In every thing we do and say,
Something of us is revealed,

And something of us is regarded.

Ultimately, it is how we regard
That is revealed.

When kindness is most lacking
In our regard, it is most needed.

How you regard that lack
Or how you regard

How you regard that lack
Are both good starting places.

Passage

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Starting Places

To have been without, then with,
Is better than
To have never been without.

There is no such thing
As wholeness.

There is more than whole
And there is less.

There is trying
To get for oneself
And the lack that represents.

There is wanting for others
And to be for others

And the blessings of being so.

There is no point to
Condemning the condemned,

No good purpose to diminishing the little.

The small make smaller
And less and less

Until everything means nothing.

Some are more than fair,
More than just,

More than is deserved.

In them and through them
More is made of everything

And all is elevated in importance.

In every interaction,
In every one of us, in every day,

In everything we do and say
Something is revealed

And something is regarded.

I worked a crossword puzzle
In the newspaper the other day.

The clue was *gracefully receive*.
The answer was *accept*.

Much is revealed in us
We would rather were not there,

But it is revealed because it is.