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To hate the world is to desire truth.  
Fulfilling the call to live a profound life.  
To stand up to what is said to be impossible  
and to endure the brunt of this world's hurt.  
To treat all with complete love  
though sometimes we are poor

in judgement. But what happens when we act poor?  
Allowing pride and anger to replace the joy of truth  
and hatred taking precedence over love?  
Is that just the nature of life?  
Is our cause always to be hurt  
when trying to pursue the impossible?

Perfection is what is impossible  
and to strive for perfection leaves us poor  
in life. We hate when we choose the hurt  
that comes with favoring ignorance over truth.  
To know truth though, that is our mission in life:  
to sin, fail, and reject love

is part of human nature. The very love  
we reject, no matter how seemingly impossible,  
brings us to the fullness of life.  
To be poor  
in dollars, but rich in truth  
to eradicate the sadness and hurt;

that's the plan. Through the words and eyes of the hurt  
we see the potential for real love.  
But how can this be the truth?  
When poor, we are called to do the impossible  
and in doing so, call the poor  
into a renewed and fulfilled life.

Sometimes, it's hard not to question the nature of this life  
especially in times of fear and hurt.

When all that we do is poor,  
and when it seems we're far from love.

It is truly in those moments when the impossible  
makes way for absolute truth.

For through the hurt of failure  
and the impossible times of the poor,  
comes the truth of life and of love.