

URGENT PRAYER

I gaze upon yellow roses
covered with pearls,
fashioned from morning's dew
to rest gently on petals
that echo the sun.

Rare these moments today,
tangible, touchable, life enhancing,
now murdered by hysterical
news media painting their wares
in blood. Violence
is the new normal.

Give us some slack, God,
(Allah, Buddha, Mohammed).
light the way to end the prejudice,
calm the madness, feed the starving,
comfort the saddened!

Give us back
our reason.

Time to change the world God,
(Allah, Buddha, Mohammed),
lest we cease to exist,

blown into oblivion
by unthinkable weapons.

Or there will be
no more yellow roses
dewy with pearls
resting gently on petals
echoing the sun.

...only a void

where
Earth
used
to
be

-Jean Stephenson

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