

Steve's Birthday Wish, 2015

"Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change"
—much quoted proverb.

Grant me the youthful vigor
to remain outraged at all
that is unjust and inhuman
whether I can change it or not.

Grant me the words
to describe this to you
in yet another poem.

Grant me the understanding
that sometimes (far too many
times, in fact) the poetry
is all we might be able to achieve,

and yet the strength
and courage to struggle
for more even when everyone else
insists that the struggle is futile.

Grant me some additional years
so I may continue my discovery
of the why,
 and the how,
of the poetry
 and of the struggle.

Perhaps another 69?
Is that too much to ask?

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