

Hard to Imagine

I can't help but notice.

It's a different kind
of hand-lettered sign
than I'm used to reading
as I stroll along
a NY City sidewalk:

“Literary and philosophical genius
down on her luck. Help
with a dollar in my cup.
I will give you a copy
of my most recent poem.”

And so I read her words:

Literary and philosophical genius
down on her luck? Hard
for you to imagine
isn't it? Hard for anyone
to imagine, I guess,
unless of course,
like me you are
a literary and philosophical
genius down on her luck.

Yes, I decide as I walk away
that does kind of sum up
the human condition.

And so, on my way home
I decide to drop another dollar
in her cup.

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