

## Visitation

1)

I decide to share my thoughts with you  
after our brief time together.  
Who else, I wonder, is going to understand?

The arrogant ones refuse to understand  
because they lack the required empathy.

The ignorant fail to understand,  
having never acquired sufficient vocabulary.

Those in power cannot afford to understand  
because their power would come undone.

The impatient will never understand  
since they refuse to take the time.

While those who are too damaged find it  
impossible to understand because, well,  
because they are too damaged.

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2)

After our visit I sit  
for an hour on a bench  
along Main Street composing  
these lines, sipping  
a cup of tea.

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