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Dedicated to my mother Carolyn  
to my wife Kimberly  
to my daughters Renata and Mara  
to my sister Jennifer





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Plainly styled lyric is best.  
Think on most days to test  
Simplicity of pen.  
So the kinder poets deal,  
Who set the table for finest meal  
And invite the reader in.





# *The Word*





# Made In The Image

To wield a world, to work a deed,  
To speak it soft or stern, at need,  
Whether with much chanting, or cheering with delight,  
Or thundering strength forth from the height,  
This is to gods only given, and getting should be dear.

But the Lord of love, who allows no peer,  
Has untwisted our tongues and tooled us new,  
To wield our words and whole worlds hew.