

Larger Than Life

For Russ Berrie

When a good man dies
The earth nods, heaves a sigh
And goes right back to work.

Perhaps selling improvisations
Or taking on impossible odds,
Grandiose dreams by sheer force
Of will become reality.

Who ever would have believed this script
In a world where the brisk business
Of birth, death, renewal and chance
Comes in on the money every time.

When a good man dies
The earth nods, heaves a sigh
And just goes back to work.

You can't trick fate
But you can mold it with passion,
Bend it by ambition
And turn it toward a better world.

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Russ Berrie was founder of the foundation that
bears his name.