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Parable And Paradox





Synopsis

A companion volume to Sounding the Seasons, this book of sonnets focuses on many passages in the gospels with the aim of enriching worship and reflection for leaders and congregations alike.

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I find it extremely comforting â " a blessed relief â " to turn from the viciousness of the commentary about Brexit, the vote by the people of Britain to leave the EU, to poetry based on the sayings of Jesus and related themes. Thatâ [™]s what â œParable and Paradoxâ •by poet, priest, and musician Malcom Guite is â " a blessed relief.Perhaps itâ ™s the sonnet form Guite uses, a form thatâ ™s been around since at least the 1200s if not earlier. The sonnet is a 14-line poem that follows a specific rhyming pattern and structure. William Shakespeare used the form to write some of the most beautiful poems in the English language. So did Elizabeth Barrett Browning. The sonnet is a favored form by Guite, and he uses it to reflect upon, ponder, question, celebrate, and commemorate. In this poem, he does all five of these:PilgrimageCome dip a scallop shell into the fontFor birth and blessings as child of God. The living water rises from that fountWhence all things come, that you may bathe and wadeAnd find the flow, and learn at last to followThe course of Love upstream toward your home. The day is done and all the fields lie fallow, One thing is needful, one voice calls your name. Take the true compass now, be compassed roundBy clouds of witness, chords of love unbound. Turn to the Son, begin your pilgrimage, Take time with him to find your true direction. He travels with you through this darkened ageAnd wake you every day to resurrection.Read it aloud. The act of reading such a poem is itself calming and soothing.

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