

SUMMING UP

In this precious piece of time
allotted to each one of us
this short period of breathing
this movement of the limbs
and development of a mind
we are forced to understand
there is no time for standing.
there is the intense thinking
and the corresponding action
with the time of silent rebuilding
of the thinking and the action'.
This is the total combination
of the pure essence of prayer,
this is the totality of living
the thinking, action and silence.

FAREWELL

Dear Nick,
You slipped quietly away from us
like the breath of a fluttering wind
no time for farewells or partings.
goodbyes or just standing around
but then you were a quiet person
enveloped in the totality of work,
of deep reading, history, biography
but to we who have lived with you
there is left the fond remembrance
of a wonderful kind community man
full of fun, always ready with a joke
but still that very controlled anger
born out of those deep past hurtings,
yet in your so sudden slipping away
you have left a deep sad empty void
In those who struggle on behind you.

MEDITATION

Just to sit still
with ear ringings
relaxing into deepness
that goes ever down
into the inner person
into a slow drifting
beyond all distance
as we measure same
just into a not-knowing
where secret is deep felt
where there is no self
only the kernel of being.

PASCAL WONDERING

It is still dark
but soon the miracle
of dawn's first ooziings
will shimmer the sky
reintroducing the event
of the Easter mystery.
What did that first dawn do
to that first pathetic group?
It stimulates a rare hope
where there is only loss
but this degree of hope
was beyond all reason
welding this new people
into a solid oneness
withstanding all pressures,
pain was as nothingness
compared to this slim hope
no man-made horrors
could break this welding
of the people of the way
they are still welded in hope.