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watchdog role, which is the things that you can reveal that help people have more power and see the options and the efficacy they have toward the things that you just made them justifiably worried about.

A.W.: *There's something inherently egalitarian and democratic about what you're talking about. If you empower people to have knowledge about a potential solution, they can get involved with their local school or pressure government or put pressure on any number of organizations or individuals. They become more active participants in whatever milieu they are a part of.*

D.B.: You have so much more power. The pressure you bring has sharper teeth because you can say, "There are things you could be doing. And you're not doing them. There are no excuses. It's outrageous, illegitimate not to do something."

A.W.: *At the Solutions Journalism Network summit, in a discussion of accountability, you said government's lack of response goes from not being OK to being absolutely unacceptable and egregious. That makes this style of journalism even more powerful and potent.*

D.B.: I think so. Journalism has to be able to hold people accountable and it has to keep the pressure on

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— DAVID BORNSTEIN

people. But if there's no light at the end of the tunnel, and it's all tunnel and no light, then people feel powerless. Powerlessness is not a good thing for a democracy. When people don't feel powerful, they don't have efficacy. They become tribalistic; they circle the wagons; they become very protective. It brings out the worst in human nature.

A.W.: *What potential do you think solutions journalism has to breathe some life into the journalism industry, which has been so egregiously affected by the decline of print journalism and lately by the attacks from the Trump administration?*

D.B.: I think the knowledge to build a better world is available, and journalists are the most important people now to change many, many people from fatalistic, depressed point of view to being energized in a grounded way.

Broken

By Jaison Kirk

The broken man sits alone in a
Room full of broken people.

Each alone, broken, and isolated
Huddling together for comfort.
Breaking each other is the only
Game in town for the broken spirits
Testing the limits of kindness.

The only way up is down.

Silver-skinned people doing the robot
Feeling it but not feeling much
Of anything.

I want to kiss the one I miss

Change in the way I see the world
The change I wanted for myself

Is here
Warmth, comfort, and a hand to pull
Me from the depths.

Standing now that I have picked
Myself up

Wishing someone like myself

Was around then

Grabbing the hand of one like not

Unlike myself

Dusting them off, seeing their needs

Standing for those who can't

Standing amongst them, never on

Top of.



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For her tireless Peace and Justice work*

A Prayer

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep in your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people and earth, so that you will work for justice, equity, and peace.

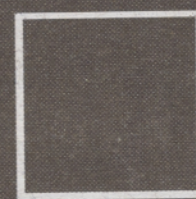
May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer, so you will reach out your hands to comfort them and change their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so you will do the things which other say cannot be done.

— From one dozen St. Andrew parishioners



Dignity



Poverty