

Better Things

by Ron Sanford

Crystal clanking, shrines shaking
Bread is baking another year
Guests gabbing, music moving
Through the house, we celebrate

Propose the toast, it's symbolic
Alcohol-free, more than five years!
Thrilled to be here, keep moving on
Living, learning, with friends I love.

You don't need to do penance
Or beg for forgiveness
The price has been fully paid
You are a new creature (now!)

You don't need to feel sorry
Or to reaffirm your faith
You are one with the Good Lord
Never doubting God's love for all

Looking forward to better things
For 2018

9:35 a.m.

by Bryant King

I am the subject I know best.
The subject I want to know better,
Would others consider trying this out for a while?
We could discover we have been hiding from ourselves!

On the Brink of Insanity Interactions Between the Homeless and the Non-homeless

by Leo Rhodes

Love, hate, love, hate, love, hate, hate, hate
Every second, minute, hour, day, month, year
Hate, hate, hate, love, hate, love, hate, love
It's all a ball of confusion

Bending over backwards
Trying to please others
While working on your own problems

Some understand your plight
Others have selective hearing
Claiming to be experts
Causing a stigma

Still others just look at you
And
Judge you on appearance

Most people don't look, or even speak to you
Making you feel ostracized

One homeless person screws up
All homeless people have to pay
Three steps forward, eighteen steps backwards

Do you know our stories?
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