

Hidden Longings

we are all lonely -
some try to assuage the unacknowledged longing
by surrounding themselves with beautiful things
a brand new home, three garages, pool and spa
state of the art home theatre, granite bench kitchen,
furnishings that change with the season
designer wardrobe
- it is a joy to be blessed with sufficient worldly goods
to enjoy the beauty of things man made

some accumulate acquaintances,
delighting in numbering in the hundreds the Christmas cards they send out
counting their popularity in quantity not quality
wondering why, with so many friends, there is still no one to talk to
- it is a joy to be surrounded by people you know and like
to enjoy the blessings of companionship

some seek cocooning love within their families, living lives of service
to their spouse, their children, their parents, charity,
seeking in doing good works, some fulfilment of their soul
- it is a joy to have family to serve, and the willingness to give
to enjoy the ability to give

some seek that certain someone, a soul mate
revolving their life around that one deep love
seeing glimpses of Heaven in everyday life
in a sense, feeling at home in the warm embrace of their love
savouring each and every moment
- it is a joy to be blessed with the meeting of the minds and heart
to enjoy a deep and meaningful relationship

all these things are blessings
to count each day, and relish each moment
given to us freely and generously
and yet
they are only pale reflections –

behind all these gifts of earthly life
there remains that inexpressible longing
that “all the world can give” can only go so far in assuaging,
a seeking for that sense of completeness,
that deep and full comfort of coming home,
a void that stubbornly remains unfulfilled,
a yearning of the soul

that God has hidden deep within each one of us,
calling to us throughout our lives -
a hole in our hearts
that is the exact shape
of God