

*"I shall pass through this world but once  
Any good therefore that I can do  
To any fellow human being  
Let me do it now  
Let me not defer it nor neglect it  
For I shall not pass this way again."*

Stephen de Grellet

Stephen de Grellet was a prominent French Quaker missionary. Born in 1773, he was influenced by William Penn, George Fox, and Quaker beliefs. From the time in 1796 when he joined the Religious Society of Friends until his death in 1855, he was committed to bringing reform to prisons and hospitals across North America and throughout Europe. In this poem we sense the compassion that led him to seek to bring the Light to others.

Today I imagine he would have included the Earth to which we owe the good that we can do.  
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Grass by Clare Singleton

## The Prairie Ornithologist's Lecture about Birds Little Seen or Heard Now

*by Roger Davies*

The last time I heard  
anything like this  
was in that Regina bar,  
the fellow's wife  
had left him, taken the  
two boys and the girl:  
gone. He wasn't drunk.  
It's just that he had  
a place there, where  
he could go, and spend  
a long time on the pictures  
and sounds  
in his mind ...  
what those kids  
said that last day,  
what they wore,  
their stuff a certain way  
in their bedrooms.  
His talking, yes,  
he was stuck on love,  
and loss.  
He's the kind of Prairie helpless  
good man whose voice  
comes out a bit thin,  
having to leave the full  
of his heart out of it,  
just to say what he saw.

*Roger Davies, Halifax Monthly Meeting*