Surrender
Ethan Gans-Morse, Poet: TizianaDellaRovere
Surrender to the flow of life,
To who you truly are.
Surrender to the rhythms of love,
The stillness and the movement,
The richness and the emptiness,
In the presence of the glorious Union,
Forever becoming within you.
Surrender.

Kalevipoeg
Seth Stewart Poet: Original text Seth Stewart
Valvab igavest Kalevipoega
[Kalevipoeg watches forever]
Son of Kalev,
who came to Estonia on eagle's wings,
known by men as Kalevipoeg,
he won the land to become king
and fought with his father's sword.
Battling sorcerers and demons
he showed his mighty strength.
His name in the stories became a legend,
fearless and brave,
he traveled on into the depths of Hades,
rescuing all the captive maidens
who pled for his help.
Sailing to the end of the world and back,
he showed no fear of the unknown dangers.

Heavy cares oppress the monarch,
and a weighty load the ruler;
Heavier yet a hero's burden:
[a] thousand duties...

Kalevipoeg and his friends engage in war
for many days.
Losing a friend, he's struck with grief
and leaves his kingdom to another,
to live in solitude.
After his death, he lives again
to stand as guard at Porgu's gates forever!

Italicized text from
W. F. Kirby's Hero of Estonia

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AMBROSIA MEN’S CHOIR PERSONNEL

Shaffer McGee    Eric Sweeney
Jeffrey Parola   Marco Valerio
Scott Wagon     Noah Brenner
Derek Larson    John Harrison
Ethan Gans-Morse

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If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking
Timothy Francis, Poet: Emily Dickinson
If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

Kyrie from Miss Antiqua
Jeffrey Parola, Traditional liturgy
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison
(Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy)

Autumn from The Four Seasons of Matsuo Bashō
Aaron Pergram, Poet: Matsuo Basho
Harvest moon:
around the pond I wander
and the night is gone.

A Word
Krista Abrahamson, Poet: Emily Dickinson
A word is dead
When it is said,
Some say.
I say it just
Begins to live
That day.

Fire and Ice
Shaffer McGee, Poet: Robert Frost
Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.
From what I’ve tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.
But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To know that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.