

This book no longer in print

By Glenn Currier

The truck delivered it
ordered on the web "used"
printed long ago.

Yellowed pages are fragile
no longer supple
spine cracked
by decades of openings
of being a harbor
for well-traveled vessels
who moored there
anchored in its wisdom.

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Oh what a pity
for others who search
for depth,
its old pages still fresh
with meaning
to be fathomed.

Its author in the grave
but still alive here
with provocation and comfort.

I love this book
and cherish its author
who rises up each evening
at my bedside
when I open it
and drink its freshness
both quenching my thirst
and sharpening it.

I am an old book.
I hope I'll never be out of print
this side of the grave.

Author's note: Tribute to Louis Evely and his inspired and wonderful volume, That Man Is You.

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