



## Jericho

The man who fell in with thieves  
on his way to Jericho  
may have been going there  
— for all we know —  
to murder his mother

he may have come  
from robbing the Temple  
or sleeping with his next-door-neighbor's wife  
— we are not told —

the man who finds him  
half-dead  
clearly does not know

and God seems to be hammering home  
blow by blow  
the thought  
that worthiness is irrelevant

all we need  
is to recognize need

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