



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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