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To love a Good Samaritan friend is
as easy as to love a giggling baby;
such love needs no holy law to prove this
is what is right, no ifs or buts or maybe.
To love a giving friend who shares or weeps
with you, honors you with a smiling bow,
or steadies you when mocking old age reaps
your youthful strength needs no compelling vow.
To love an enemy who sneers at love,
laughs lies about your kids all over town—
such love would need a law and vow to shove
a saint's best will, and still it would confound.
To love an enemy is salty, odd,
done at all only by those moved by God.