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# Success

Mike Vanden Bosch

Success is measured by a Lord  
who washed his followers' feet.  
He sets the standards high as heaven  
for all who would compete.

A widow giving her last cent  
gives more than millionaires,  
and cooling one dry throat outdoes  
ten dozen doctrinaires.

A derelict, confessing sin  
in awkward, croaking caws  
is purer than a gloating saint  
who's kept a thousand laws.

A man who helps a stranger up  
whom priests have hastened past  
will pass the priest to heaven's door  
in serving the outcast.

Success is measured by a gauge  
unknown to stately boards,  
not trumpeted to squealing crowds  
or crowned by earthly lords.

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