

## Ah, To Ponder

By Barbara A. Beswick

Life or death...a matter of...  
How often is that said?  
And are we ever ready for it...death...  
When it decides to approach our door?  
I could have, I should have...  
Thoughts to ponder...  
Not in the face of death;  
But rather, in the midstream of life  
When reassessments, changes...  
Might still be made.  
Our path in life is one we'd prefer to choose;  
But often times it's chosen for us.  
We alone must decide this:  
Will our path be a channel, deeply dug  
So that ideas may flow freely as water?  
Or will it be a faint line left on a powdery slope,  
Only to disappear with the next light dusting of snow?  
And, as is our nature,  
We will ponder that thought because  
It is not a matter of life or death.

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