

NEIGHBOR AND CLOSE FRIEND

By ayaz daryl nielsen

his dear wife has passed away
let's take a long walk

grumble, grumble
ice cold and slippery slush
my big winter boots
grumble with each step

scent of lavender
as we sit
in our garden
fragrant essence
of noble truth

come, sacred footsteps

gather us in our
world's original voice,
reaffirming the sanctity
within these songs of
morning doves
and the innocence
and decency within
this, our community
of humanness

married to poetry
taking poems to bed with us
word-by-naked word

this mirror image
a certain lack of glamour
gonna pout awhile

poetry...
our fingertips
touching each other's
heartstrings...

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