

For God So loved the world

By Malcolm Guite

The whole round world, in Greek the total *cosmos*,
Is all encompassed in this loving word;
Not just the righteous, right on, and religious,
But every one of whom you've ever heard,
And all the throng you don't know or ignore,
For everyone is precious in his sight,
Chosen and cherished, loved, redeemed before
The circling cosmos ever saw the light.

He set us in the world that we might flourish
That His beloved world might live through us
We chose instead that all of this should perish
And turned his every blessing to a curse.
And now he gives himself, as Life and Light
That we might choose in Him to set things right.

To hear the poet read his sonnet:

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