

"Be Thou My Vision"

**We are shaped
by what we desire.
We become
what we behold.**

**That being so,
enlarge my vision,
make it wide and clear.**

**Let me see it all:
princes and paupers,
palaces and shantytowns,
great canvases
and graffiti on a gritty wall,
the stately, the scarred,
the lovely, the leper.
May nothing human
be foreign to me.
Enlarge my heart
to embrace it all.**

**Strengthen me to bear
such hospitality.
But let my desire
be only for You.**

**By Bonnie Thurston
in Practicing Silence: New and Selected Verses**

