

COLORS of GLASS, 2004

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STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

our decades

like lessons in the art of stained glass

move us from kindergarten mosaics

to Renaissance cathedral rose windows

if we but tend to the teacher

bring on the challenges,

shower me with shards of experience,

they only yield the raw materials:

the cobalt of sorrows, the scarlet of passions,

smoky failures and lavender joys,

judgments clear, victories golden,

even shatters of deep despair-

large and small they take their place,

the lead came of character shaping the vision;

pieced together they celebrate, radiate, illuminate

our particular expression of the light

will you let me see your window?

here is mine