

QUASI-HAIKU FROM A DREAM VISION *

Turning, he said: These
leaves of grass inside my hand
are not the forest.

The gift of the giver
is different from the gifted's
given gift.

Into the same river
stepping yet not stepping, we
both are and are not.

The light of the world
is different from the flame
at the heart of man.

Ripple in still water
when there is no pebble tossed
nor wind to blow.

* Written by ©Pascual Delgado on March 3rd 2020. Stanza #1 is inspired by the *Siṃsapā Sutta, Saṃyutta Nikāya* (c. 800 A.D.). Stanza #3 is a saying by Heraclitus, quoted by Plutarch in *Moralia* (100 A.D.). Stanza #5 is from the lyrics by Robert Hunter of The Grateful Dead song “Ripple” (1970).