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Preface

THE CREATION AND APPRECIATION of “Art” is a uniquely human obsession. Art exists for itself, outside of any other purpose than to arouse emotions within the individual human soul. In some sense art is a form of “Imitatio Dei”. Like G-d, the artist creates ex-nihilo something of value which exists as surely as the Earth we live on. But art exists primarily in the human soul to which it is bound and from thence is transmitted to other souls who can receive it.

It is more than the specific physical manifestation—the word on the page, the note on the musical score, or the pigment on the canvas. It encompasses a total sense of some aspect of our common humanity. It is a reminder that we are human and different from the rest of nature. It is meant to transmit that which inspires from generation to generation.

We hope that you will enjoy the book.

Many of Gail's paintings can be purchased, including those shown in this book. To obtain the prices and sizes of any of the paintings please send your inquiries to **davidgoldbergconsulting@gmail.com**

When You Are Old

When you are old beyond the reach of time
And loneliness has worn away the passion of your dreams;

When age has stolen what once you were
And left you less than whole in flesh and mind;
Then remember me with but a fleeting thought,
Who knew your grace and saw you young,
Alive, amid the springtime of the world,
When all was hope and would forever be.

And know that there away in other lands,
That I belonged to you, and you were loved by me.

Beyond the Reach of Time



Kol Nidre 5776

To disavow a vow to G-d,
 To take a sacred pledge from now
 And make it so it never is
 And never more could be,
 Can only be a miracle,
 Akin the splitting of the sea.
 But only if the oath is made to G-d
 Who breathing out gave birth
 To time and all there ever was,
 At least in Heaven and on Earth.

He made this world with great delight
 But placed the snake of death inside
 And gave us wills so we decide
 What it is we strive to find.
 Then He blessed what He had made,
 But before He chose again to breathe,
 He stopped to ask, perhaps in jest,
 If we would make His work complete.

So we try, but cannot do;
 And find we sinned along the way.
 We pray for Him to stay his hand
 Against sinners on Atonement Day.

*"Forgive the liar and the lie,
 Forgive us now at twilight time;
 Purge the sinner of his curse.
 To cleanse us as we were at first.
 And when our lives have been renewed
 Allow again this sinning Jew,
 Amid tomorrow's rising sun,
 To do the work that needs be done."*