

**SCAFFOLDING**

**Masons, when they start upon a building,  
Are careful to test out the scaffolding;**

**Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points,  
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.**

**And yet all this comes down when the job's done  
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.**

**So if, my dear, there sometimes seems to be  
Old bridges breaking between you and me**

**Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall  
Confident that we have built our wall.**

***Seamus Heaney***

*Lord,  
may we continue  
to appreciate  
the differences  
in our sisters and  
in our communities.*

*Help us to see that it is  
the differences that make life  
interesting and challenging.*

*May we appreciate what we have inherited from all those who have gone before us giving faithful and generous service in your name. We are part of a solid wall built on prayer, love and service. Help us to support others and work together 'that all may have life'.*

