

Thirteen hundred years ago a famous English Benedictine priest, The Venerable Bede (673-735), gave us the following beautiful thought:



*We seem to give them back to you, O God,  
who gave them first to us.*

*Yet as you did not lose them in giving,  
so we do not lose them by their return.*

*Not as the world gives do you give.*

*What you give you do not take away.*

*For what is yours is also ours.*



*We are yours and life is eternal.*

*And love is immortal,  
and death is only a horizon,*

*and a horizon is but  
the limit of our sight.*

