

## *Givers vs. Takers*

In the give-and-take of life  
some are givers;  
most are takers.

Those who give, live;  
the ones who take  
are on the make.

The giver is slow  
to refuse;  
the taker is quick  
to use.

When the giver takes,  
it is for your benefit;  
whenever the taker gives,  
it is to your detriment.

The taker keeps count;  
the giver forgets  
the amount.

The taker never has anything  
to spare;  
the giver always has something  
to share.

The taker has needs,  
and everyone knows them.  
The giver, too, has needs,  
but never shows them.

Takers talk about  
wants and desires;  
givers think about  
duties and obligations.

Takers add to  
what is theirs  
by subtracting from  
what is yours.  
Givers multiply  
what is yours  
by dividing  
what is theirs.

If, therefore, in life  
you are a taker,  
you may have much,  
yet still be impoverished.  
If, however, you prefer  
to be a giver,  
you may lose all,  
yet be greatly enriched.

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