

***In the Midst***

**vs.**

***In a Mist***

You escape the mist  
of deceivers  
by coming into the midst  
of believers.

In a mist of self-seeking  
you are lost and insecure;  
in the midst of self-giving  
you are found and embraced.

In a mist of complacent satisfaction  
you are uncertain and bewildered;  
in the midst of sacrificial service  
you have meaning and purpose.

In a mist of aimless pursuits  
you end up void and sterile;  
in the midst of nurturing commitments  
you become content and fulfilled.

In a mist of empty enterprises  
you go through false starts;  
in the midst of enlightened endeavors  
you have a fresh beginning.

We are all on a journey:  
but in a mist of  
rugged individualism  
you wander alone and stray,  
whereas in the midst of  
loving relationships  
you are on the Way.

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