

“Are There Times” by Earl F. Palmer

Are there times when crowds decide in the emergency
of desperate hurry who is
guilty and who is not?

Are there times when ordered design conspires to squeeze
away the smallest voice
that asks the truth?

What happens after the mistakes of swift fury and
cruel propriety? At these dread moments of
crossroad terror I wished for a grand restraint.

Then by surprise I saw the Shepherd who carried stone
tablets of Holy will. I saw the man who wrote
in the sand to protect a crowd from their wrath and
to give hope to a person hated and alone.

Now that dangerous crossroad with its crowded
judgment corner is your place to stand. We need
you here in our behalf because you know the
Stone Marker in your hands and the Man who
wrote in the sand.

A note from the author:

Are There Times was written on the occasion of our son's graduation from law school as he prepared to become an attorney.