

ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE

There is a need to be courteous,
Always and everywhere,
And to be honest, to boot.
The trick is to be both
In the same breath
One versus the other ...
won't do.

There's a need to be kind,
Always and everywhere,
And to give vent to one's
Anger,
Frustration,
And fear.
But to do so fairly,
To understand, to see,
that others
Can't
Won't
Don't
Nor should
Be expected to ever be exactly like me.

The child inside us
is loving and kind,
and cruel and hateful,
selfish, and blind.

It's the adult we've become who now must decree:
Let the monster inside, out to roam free
Or let the sweet one loose,
Not much to decide, as far as I see,
I clearly know which I'd rather be ...

And, sure, having chosen,
Will we never fail in our task?

Always and everywhere,
We must try ...
That's enough.