

Love and Wisdom

To love is to know, and
To know is to understand -- yet
Understanding requires wisdom
The openness of a child
Simple, trusting and innocent
Innocence grown mature, through
Sensitivity, desire and compassion
Nurtured by adult experience
Love is a four-letter word
Made vulgar by uses
Unsuited to its meaning
A reflection most often of
An intense need for love
Seldom implying actual loving
Having sought love and the loving
Despairing of finding either
Seek no more, but actively wait
The beginning of wisdom -- perhaps
Not to seek, but wait and trust

That recognition will come -- quietly

When love and wisdom touch

While gently passing.