

Letting go of Cumber.

Why do we spend our lives gaining possessions?
Is the reason to make every good impression,
On others who then think they must do the same?
We all become part of the material game.

So we work and we toil just to gain more cumber,
For not to possess might make us feel humbler,
And poorer and lesser than our friend next door.
Who works longer hours so he doesn't seem poor.

Yet humility and poverty were the goals of St. Francis,
Who abandoned his stuff, to leave room for God's chances.
To fill him with blessings and God's great desire
To serve other people, set his heart on fire.

So we continue as the money goes round,
Yet the pearl of great worth is not to be found.
For to find it you have to dig deep in your soul.
Strip away all the trappings, pay the spiritual toll.

For you are not your possessions, you are not your wealth.
You first should be seeking your spiritual health.
Found in simplicity and the desire to be true,
To the person God meant when she created you!

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