

CAC Poetry and Prayer Retreat - Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM
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Contemplative Prayer Sit Readings

"The greatest thing a human soul ever does
in this world is to see something
and tell what he saw in a plain way.
To see clearly is poetry, prophecy, and
religion all in one."

~John Ruskin

"O sweetest love of God, too little
known,
he who has found thee is at rest.
Let everything change O my God
that we may rest in thee...
...O Lord, I beseech thee, leave me not for a
moment,
because I know not the value of my soul."

~St. John of the Cross

"I am so small I can barely be seen.
How can this great love be inside me?

*Look at your eyes. They are small,
but they see enormous things."*

~Rumi

"You can *say* that the eyes see God, but it is God
who sees, as in the Qur'an when the desert mountain
looks at God, and eyes appear on every stone."

~Rumi

Centering

Somewhere
beyond empty and full
there is a place
of space, quiet,
blessed darkness

No longer in or out
beyond knowing
there is a place
of rest, wonder
possibility

it simply Is
all it takes to get there
is my *Yes!*

A place as close as my heartbeat
steadfast and patient
it waits

as I open the door to my heart
Love opens many doors

~Kim Caird