

Tending

Richard J. Beauchesne (1985)

*There is something about tending
That tells who you are.*

*Tending,
Tenderness,
Attending
Attentiveness,
Listening,
Caring.
Tending one's soul,
The soil of life.
Tending one's feelings,
What matters,
What-one-lives-by,
Elusively,
Mysteriously,
Assuredly.*

*Tending poetry,
The violets and the blueberries...
The gift offered,
In-the-offering,
Or yet-to-be-offered,
To someone tremendously loved,
Here,
or gone-by.*

*Tending beauty,
Simplicity
And creativity,
The gift of love,
Time-harnessed
Or outrun,
Yet nurtured
By the memory tending...
The poetry and blueberries,*

*And the violet too...
Forever tended.*

Inspired by the writings of Jack Thomas (formerly Boston Globe columnist)