

## **Pat Price, formerly Middleburg**

### **Communion**

Early  
I prepare  
Shake the finch feeder  
the hulls of Nyger seed dusting  
black the Big Daddy Hosta below  
Feed fresh food into the thistle sock  
Fill perched tubes with sunflower chips  
Pop a suet cake into its cage

Pour fresh water from the watering can  
into the bird bath my dog loves  
to drink from (he prefers flavored water  
a friend once joked)

Pull ravaged rinds and press  
fresh Cara Cara orange halves  
to the nails on the Baltimore Oriole  
feeder that hangs from a cable  
on a limb of the old Sugar Maple

Pour fresh nectar into the round  
red hummingbird feeder and grease  
the pole so ants can't partake  
Pitch handfuls of peanuts and millet  
over the lawn and in the beds

I stand  
wipe my wet dirty hands on my hips  
Satisfied  
Then the familiar words drift  
thru my mind  
Come  
For all is ready