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## CO2 Prayers

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**CO<sub>2</sub> Prayers**  
*Mark C. Childs*

Once more I open all the doors  
harvest the morning's assurance,  
gather its cool inside my house  
against the fierce afternoon sun.

Once more I piss on my compost,  
hang laundry in soil-cracking wind,  
gather the last green tomatoes,  
adjust the garden's parasol.

Once more I tune my bike's old spokes,  
hand pump hard air into tires,  
gather speed in sunrise's calm air  
and peddle to work -

quiet prayers.