

DISTANCE *by Glenn Carmichael*

I've been ill
For quite some time.
Actually
I've been ill
For only three days;
Less.

But I've been thinking.
You do a lot of thinking
When you're ill.

Distance.

In time,
Space,
Thought,
Physical being...

Distance.

Time is a great healer,
But it doesn't hide the scars.

Scar tissue heals.
Memory fades.
But really...
It's only...
... Distance.

Why do people climb mountains?
Because they're there.
So much organisation,
So many factors
To consider,
To eliminate
The fall
From top
To bottom...
...The Distance.

How many lovers?
How many friends
Have I known?
Where are they now?

Distance.

Yes
There's a distance
Between you and me,
As you sit there
And stare,
And I
Try
To make some sense.
But you can't see ...
I can't believe ...

That it's all been a trick,
A joke that's been played on us ...
Which has ended-up as ...
Just another length to ...
The Distance.

And the pain
And the suffering?
And the loss?
Will not be in vain.
One day it
Will all just seem ...
One day it
Will all just be seen ...
As another measure of...
...Distance

Distance
...In geography
History
Physics.
Lessons to be learnt...
...Distance.

If I reach out
Far enough
Will I touch
Someone's hand?
Will I touch you?
Or will you be gone,
Or going ...
Fading...
Into...
...
...The Distance?