

Scholar

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For David Greetham, precepts from his example

Certain cultures will not yield to force,
Care won't do, nor will, and never virtue.
One needs patience hunting up a source.

To take that journey, start without provisions,
Feed off the land (the people take it kindly),
Expect nothing when you make decisions.

These rites of passage disallow prevention,
Dead gods are deaf and dumb to all demands.
Grace alone brings meaning to invention.