

45. The Toronto Trades Council was the first of the central councils to reappear following the depression and a new national federation, the Canadian Labour Congress, was organized in 1883.

HEREDITY AND DESIRE

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"The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generations."

"Strait is the gate and narrow is the way and few they be that find it."

and between
these poles
am I mired
the heavy cloak
of heredity
the path
strewn with thorns
between these poles
I have only
my nullity
as my guide

The price
I've paid
to glimpse
that heavy cloak
made me a beggar
. . . with no resources
to undertake
that "narrow way"
with no strength
to throw-off
that heavy cloak
And

for that trip
on that terrible
"narrow way"
all baggage
is forbidden

Nudity
and innocence
is the price
exactd at the toll-gate
purity of heart
mind and body
is the fuel required
Which leaves me
in a mire
with only
my nullity
as a guide
a spark of innocence
as my fire
a modest desire
as my hope
imagination
as my biggest enemy