

## **Triptych**

To focus on tulips and daffodils  
when possessed with daisies  
pushing up is difficult.

When deep into the second half,  
once a lead gaps large enough,  
the end is certain.  
No Hail Mary will save, no  
buzzer beating three-pointer. Yet  
a team bleeding out  
the clock by calling a series of  
meaningless timeouts is  
mistakenly applauded as valiant.  
Perhaps a portion of real valor  
includes acceptance of inevitability.

Many modern Christians consider  
Jesus suffering the spear  
as his final indignity at the hands  
of the Romans, but they  
do not understand the dynamics  
of crucifixion. He was saved  
from slow, conscious, agonizing asphyxiation  
by the mercy of stabbing pain.

– Jeffery Greb