

A L A S !

For Christine Hansen, who was
generous enough to like my poems.

Stone on stone upon stone,
Build me a strong cairn
Where I may safely hide
Fragments of false pride.

Step on step upon step,
Help me to find
Some aim, hope, goal
Worthy of humankind.

Word on word upon word,
Build me a strong verse:
Let single syllables record
Thoughts swift, tense, terse.

In French a proverb says:
"Tout passe, tout casse, tout lasse."
Six small words epitomise
Man's sempiternal cry - "Alas!"

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