

Sinners vs. Penitents

Why are we
quick to sin,
but slow
to repent?

Sinners demolish
and destroy;
penitents rebuild
and restore.
Sinners rip up
and reject;
penitents repair
and reconcile.
Sinners enclose
and enslave;
penitents open up
and liberate.

Being a sinner
is understandable;
refusing to repent
is inexcusable.

Sinners carry
a heavy burden;
penitents breathe
a sigh of relief.
Sinners fail
through weakness;
penitents return
via faith.
Sinners incline
to E-V-I-L;
penitents reverse that
to L-I-V-E.

They claim that
society has lost
the sense of sin.
I think, rather,
that we've abandoned
the practice of penitence.

