

Symbols vs. Cymbals

Cymbals of
musical acuity
are symbols of
vital vacuity.

How do we keep our
precious symbols
from degenerating into
hollow cymbals?

Symbols are pregnant
with meaning;
cymbals are resonant
with noise.

Symbols are invitations
to fullness;
cymbals are deviations
into emptiness.

Symbols
flood the soul;
cymbals
din the senses.

A lifestyle
of selfishness and greed
is a cymbal;
a life
of devotion and commitment
is a symbol.

Sacred rituals
perfunctorily performed
are cymbals;
as faith-filled experiences,
they become symbols.

Devious demagogues
are cymbals;
inspired leaders
are symbols.

Dedicated disciples
are symbols;
craven followers
are cymbals.

Symbols communicate;
cymbals exasperate.

St. Paul said that
our life of faith
should be an
eloquent symbol,
not a
clanging cymbal.

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