

Apart vs. A Part

To take part in life
you can't live apart.

Apart is separate
from the rest;
a part is united
with the whole.

A part is individual,
but connected;
apart is individual,
but insulated.

Apart is akin to aloof:
both lead to loneliness.
A part looks to totality:
it strives for fullness.

A part seeks a partner;
apart has no companion.
A part involves participation;
apart begets isolation.

Apart prizes
privacy and anonymity;
a part pursues
intimacy and amity.

Those who take part
make a contribution.
Those who stay apart
are counting the cost.

Acting a part
is fulfilling a role;
acting apart
is digging a hole.

A part longs
to belong;
apart goes along
alone.

If you remain apart
from every thing,
how can you be a part
of anything?

When a part of a body
is apart from the body,
it dies!

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