

Loneliness vs. Solitude

Loneliness is empty
and debilitating;
solitude is full
and energizing.

Loneliness is isolated
and desperate;
solitude is connected
and hopeful.

Loneliness is independent
and sterile;
solitude is interdependent
and fruitful.

Loneliness is running
and agitated;
solitude is seated
and tranquil.

Loneliness searches
and yearns;
solitude finds
and enjoys.

Loneliness weeps
and cries;
solitude smiles
and sings.

Loneliness is absence
and distance;
solitude is presence
and proximity.

Loneliness stays
apart;
solitude is still
a part.

When God becomes
the ground of your being,
the horizon of your vision,
the firmament of your hopes,
you will welcome solitude
without feeling lonely.