

Creator

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The imagination of God
is limitless and subtle in the ways
of our suffering and death.

What purpose other than misery
can cancer serve? And Parkinson's,
AIDS, and STDs?

In His infinite cleverness,
God must relish most
how men, in His image,

devise an array of mechanical
ways and means to expand
the realm of suffering -

the hollow points and automatic weapons,
the finely honed swords,
the hot swirl of napalm.

The imagination of God
is infinite, subtle and cruel
and we exist to suffer Him and die.

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