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“Termination Teleology”

by Jim Anderson

the hardest things to say

hello

i love you

good-bye

to say hello

is to begin to say i love you

is to begin to say good-bye

to say hello

is to take the first step toward intimacy

is to commit oneself to risk

is to hope for the possibility of trust

to say i love you

is to profoundly say hello

is to declare the inevitability of good-bye

to say i love you

is to dramatize the meaning of existence

is to symbolize the very presence of God

is to guarantee that hope is not lost

to say good-bye

is to affirm the glory of risking the hello

is to proclaim the omega of love

to say good-bye

is to recognize participation in being itself

is to sing a new song of faith

is to know the fulfillment in saying

the hardest things to say

Thank you, dear friends and brothers and sisters in Christ, for all you have allowed me to do and be among you. I have been blessed and I pray you have, too. This poem says it all for me.

Looking forward to God's future for all of us

~Pastor Pat