

Now Is the Time

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'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... God has made everything beautiful in its time.' Ecclesiastes 3.1, 11 [ESV]

You know I need everything done yesterday.

But yesterday is done — gone, vanished into the past.

So everything has to be done today. Now.

'Now' is the operative word.

Now is today — and is now the future?

Now is this minute.

And we live in this minute.

Tomorrow... tomorrow will be now, then, when it comes.

I think about today, and tomorrow —

the rest is too much, too overwhelming;

the future is too many tomorrows.

The future never comes

except as tomorrow, and, then,

tomorrow is here, and is, now.

And now, today, time is not still.

So, do today as God intended: minute by minute —

because today will be yesterday soon,

and so many yesterdays have been and gone, minute by minute.

Every now vanishes... and is endless —

now endures until the end of time.

Time fascinates me.

Time is God's wisdom for Earth, God's doing under heaven.

'Now' is God's wisdom for us.

We need to learn to live. In now,

in God's time for us:

our now under the sun,

God's son.

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was born in 1947 at Myrtle Bank, SA, one of nine children. She has lived with cerebral palsy since birth. A favourite T-shirt reflects her sense of herself: 'I'm sweet but tough!' Married in 1975, she has two children. After her partner died in 1999, Being in a wheelchair does not restrict her enjoying her life. Jean likes to tell people that, though she is in a wheelchair, she is just like everyone else—her wheelchair is just her legs! Jean now lives independently in a house at Gilles Plains, supported by carers. Jean is currently pursuing a BA Creative Writing at Tabor Adelaide tertiary college. Jean pursues writing poetry with passion; it is her way of sharing what she sees, how she feels, and how she experiences her life. Jean's experience of God's love and grace runs through her life; her poetry is enriched by, and infused with, her commitment to her God, social justice, and her compassion for others.

