

the greatest gift

the greatest gift
is that of time
you can keep
your grand gestures
the gourmet meals
at the exclusive restaurant
you must book
months in advance

if you are keeping a bottle
for a special occasion
for the love of god
drink it
if today you are blessed
to live free
then do everything
and don't hold back

time is like a glacier
fast retreating
leaving boulders
in its wake
mementos
of a life well lived
rocks bearing scars
witness to the
joys and sorrows
we all have known

today I heard
a friend had died
joining so many others
I have loved
and love still

when you think
of the life of our planet
and the universe beyond
our lives seem
inconsequential
but not so

if someone freely gifted
a portion of their
time to you
you are rich
in ways it will take
a lifetime to understand