

## SUMMARY OF BLESSINGS

### Bless Them

Bless them;  
bless the goofy ones;  
bless the sharp ones.  
Bless the girls hiding behind their fashions;  
bless the boys hiding their eyes under the hats.

Bless the ones struggling to write;  
bless the ones who come to every class.  
Bless the ones who skip and get caught;  
bless the ones fighting off temptation.

Bless the ones struggling at home;  
bless the few who drop out.  
Bless the quiet ones.  
Bless the ones just beginning to understand  
the potential of their lives;  
bless the ones just beginning to feel  
the dazzling magic of love relationships.

Bless the athletes and the artists.  
Bless the dancers, the drama kids  
and the volunteers.  
Bless the ones who have to work  
twenty-five hours a week to help their families.  
Bless the thinkers in the back of the room.  
Bless the ones who have seen terrible things  
in their homes and on the streets.  
Bless everyone and hope they all have  
some enchanting electric moments  
with friends or music or class work or sports,  
moments they can remember forever,  
moments where they begin to sense,  
in the middle of this wonderful and dangerous life,  
the natural truth in the exploration  
for their standards of excellence.