



February 14th 2018

Ash Wednesday and Saint Valentine's Day
Fall on the same date this year of Our Lord.
Mortality and Love have both their say,
Their separation we cannot afford.

Soon now, my love, we scatter your ashes
On the beach where you played with the children,
Where you laughed, fooled around and made dashes
To the waves to swim and sing unbidden.

The love you gave, my darling, greatest gift
From heaven, to heaven has now returned.
But, while returning, it remains to lift
Our spirits heavenwards when we are spurned.

You, too, have gone my beloved darling
But are still with us and always smiling.

by Brian Thorne