

## STONES

Surfaces, round, smooth from tumbling

Tumbling through the box of life that bruises

Bruises innocence, love, conscience, kindness,

Kindness given, despite regret, fear, anger, despair,

Despair that wakens pain and hope

Hope that fights resistance

Resistance that battles a will for living,

Living days that polish stones,

Stones, once jagged, now smooth and sparkling,

Sparkling with memories and joys,

Joys, never forgotten, stored in Boxes,

Boxes, opened to touch stones, feel surfaces,

Surfaces of remembered love, soft as silk,

Silk that lines the boxes of life.