

The Joy of Giving: Yesterday and Today Russell Delman January 2016

Once upon a Time
Long ago
Many yesterdays
And
Today

In a land far away
And
So near

A Middle Eastern family
Israeli? Palestinian? Syrian?
Sought shelter in a foreign land
Was it Bethlehem? Switzerland? the United States?
Right now, as then, families shivering and hungry

Throughout the town there was no place for them
Many people could not help
No resources, no space- truly understandable
Sometimes it is not easy to help another

Some could help and would not
they were filled with fear, self-protection
“they look so different from us”
we seem to have a powerful, selfish gene