PALM / PASSION SUNDAY AGAIN & AGAIN, WE DRAW ON COURAGE

PEACEFUL PROTEST

I wonder if Jesus could feel his heartbeat In his throat, the way I do when I'm afraid. I wonder if he had to take deep breaths, In through his nose, out through his mouth, Tricking his body into a state of calm. I wonder if he was nauseous, like I am When I'm headed into a hard conversation. I wonder if he had to summon his courage, Tucking fear away so that he could hold onto What mattered most with both hands.

I wonder, because time has taught us That it is not uncommon For a peaceful protest To start or end With an unjust death.

So I wonder, Did he know? Was he afraid? Did anyone see it?

I want to hold what matters most with both hands.