

**Devotional Thoughts :: Forgiveness ~ Ruth Graham****Forgiveness ~ Ruth Graham, on: 2009/6/6 17:03**

To heal a hate  
takes grace  
that isn't. There  
is churning hurt  
and bitterness  
-and black despair.  
No love. No grace.  
No power to choose.  
I heard a stillness.  
Then  
I felt His face.  
His searching eyes  
held mine  
and would not turn me loose.  
Then through hot tears  
I saw and understood:  
He hung cross high,  
a spear was in my hand  
that dripped with blood,  
a helmet on my head.  
I watched Him die;  
but just before, He said,  
"Forgive them for  
they know not what  
they do. . ."  
then He was dead.  
Slowly I raised my head:  
the clouds were unarranged,  
the sky was fair,  
the warm sun shone,  
nothing had changed:  
the hurt still there  
only . . .  
the hate was gone.

--Ruth Bell Graham