

Rev. Mark Seifried

Snapshot

Sam Cornish Eulogy by The Rev. Mark Seifried

What are you doing here?
What's going on?
"Why" doesn't so much matter.
What?
What are you doing here?
What's going on?

This well-worn meeting house
generation after generation
souls masked by sinew and skin
have focused on the Word
have asked 'Who will save us?'
have asked 'will you be here for me?'
have asked 'what in God's name are we doing here?'
have asked "What's going on that needs our love?"
have said "I do,
have said "ashes to ashes
"in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."
have said "I shall not want"
have asked "What are we doing here?"
What's going on?

This beloved community
in this well-worn meeting house
is here to say 'thank you,' Sam
is here to say 'thank you,' Creator
is here to say 'well done,' Sam
is here to bless Sam

with love
verse and memories

As we wonder
"What are you doing here?"
"What's going on,"
Sam?

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