

# Crossings: for Bruce Modahl on his retirement

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Both irises, each fingerprint, our own.  
Each strand of DNA, ourself, whose bones  
descend from Adam's dust, whose breath is God's.  
And we are called by name,  
each hair imprinted and the tiny bones  
inside our ears.

We have a place ordained and gospel-light  
to show our way, crossing our life  
with his, each cell so clearly stamped "his own,"  
and through him we are lords of all,  
yet servants, too, Christ-kissed.

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