

**Alver Samuel Nelson**

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Even his characteristic silence  
was eloquent  
his way  
ever kind

His heart was sufficient expanded  
to free my hand  
caring enough  
to hold it later

His ways contained  
his dignified mystique  
his manner  
explained it

His life was gentle  
gracious, long and full  
his transition, no doubt  
a blessed one

(Richard A. Nelson/ 1996/ for Dad)