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Schooled in the Art of the Blessing

Out on Thanksgiving Day
For a walk from the Airbnb
Near a golf course
In Greensboro, North Carolina,

I address an oncoming stranger
With a driver in his hand:

Happy Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving.
Grace and peace
Be with you.

Thank you.

No:
When I say, "Grace
And peace be with you,"
You say, "Grace
And peace be with you."

OK.
Grace
And peace be with you.

For some, thanksgiving is not enough;
There must also be grace and peace.
For others, they are the same,

As the sun shines on a found poem
And a heron alights from the water trap
To land on a log near a pond
As old as god.