

President Kimball at Mestre

As he came out
(hat and briefcase)
down the plane steps and across the tarmac,
we saw he was pleased to see us
and from our whole half-circle
love burst in towards him.

He took it;
and, continuing to walk steadily forward,
gave back to each
more than all had given him:
acceptance.

Simon entering Caesarea,
Paul by the riverside at Philippi,
Spencer at Venice Airport;
acceptance of acceptance.

—Arthur Henry King
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