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The Value of Work

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...Angelo realizes his failings. His death was, as it were, begged. It must seem a release to him, a chance to escape from self-doubt and self-allowed an easy escape however, as Duke states in his account of the final punishment, "but he craves otherwise; he longs to confront himself honestly, and grow to a sincere self-knowledge.

DENISE BADGEROW

"THE VALUE OF WORK"

The ringing of my hammer
hitting each penny nail on its head
sends bright vibrations singing
up and down my frame.

(Both arms)
(Both legs)
The wood is sweet
with the fragrance of harvest time
earth, and through this circle of labor
swings ancient joy and new anticipation.

In the echo-covered fields behind me
crickets take up their rubbing song
and every cell in my body answers back
in a language we both understand.

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