

Decalogue

We kept scuffing out
those ten words with
our shifty lives:

crossing the boundary
of a vowed relationship;

taking the breath away
from one of your
children;

leaning over the backyard
fence
to sow weeds
in a friend's
heart ...

So we would not
keep thinking we
were so wise,

you took
a piece of wood
and
drew a line
in our souls

which death,
disappointment,
chaos
can never erase.

Matt 22: 34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

