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Possession is a compulsion created by many different influences

Those who suffer the fears of insecurity may seek to possess

In order to be protected from change

The control freaks may yearn to possess

In order to maintain personal status

To be thus is nothing

But to be safely thus

Ah there's the rub

However all too often possession destroys

Protection becomes destruction

Change will eventually undermine all sense of control

In the end

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One of my favourite TV programmes is the antique road show

People bring items to experts

Looking for information and valuation

The greatest anomaly for me on the show is when

Old toys are presented

In perfect condition

In the original boxes

The original child who owned it never got the value out of it

The collector will never play with it

The seed never died

The joy destroyed by possession

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One of the most amusing groups of people you will ever meet are engineers

Especially older engineers

They have been trained, bullied and forced into precision

If they are a millimetre out then control can be lost

Fine when building an engine

But when decorating, the minute distortion in wallpaper alignment

Means it all comes down

Everything having a place

Creates a recurring row

An open drawer, a missing milk bottle, an unwashed cup.

Means sleep is disturbed

The control never complete

The perfection never achieved

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Then of course there are relationships

From the ridiculous notion

That children should be seen and not heard

To the awful abuse of the partner of a control freak

In between are most of our petty jealousies

Projected anxieties

Repression of the aspiration of those close

Pretending to know my place

I demand that you keep to yours

Difference denieghed

Development resisted

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You can keep very little

You will perfect nothing

You are in control of no one

Learn to let go

And then learn to live

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