

# POEM

## THE JOY OF GIVING

Somehow, not only for  
Christmas  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to  
others  
Is the joy that comes back to  
you.  
And the more you spend in  
blessing  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your hearts pos-  
sessing  
Returns to make you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier