

**Little things can warm a heart**

and little things can warm the flesh that keeps us home.

Listening is empowerment  
and empowerment is solidarity  
and solidarity is unity.

Unity is reaching out and helping hands.  
Unity is building each other up,  
while the weather  
and the world tears us down.

Forget charity, deciding who needs and who deserves,  
we serve  
each other.

When mutual aid and community is all we have,  
and our compassion drives us to care  
about every one of our neighbors,  
the unsheltered and the incarcerated.  
Old notions of keeping to ourselves is now too outdated.

We have the resources to thrive  
when we all revive that spark  
to care and to love.

Create a letter, art or a greeting card.  
Send it to a friend or a hard working man.  
Let it be known that we are not alone,  
that we hear each other's aches and groans.

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~Ines Agbekenou