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L.B. was a writer of poems, and occasionally, of prayers, too. Campers were encouraged to write poetry, stories and reflections about their relationship with the outdoors that were printed in the newspapers for each camping session. L.B. did the same, and he sometimes showcased his poems in the annual Christmas cards that were sent out to the members and friends of the Outdoor Education Association. A few of them are provided here.

[Sharp, L.B. \(1938\)](#). Nature. Used on Life Camps 1938 Christmas card. [Copyright in public domain due to date of publication - without notice or without renewal by LifeCamps.]

[Sharp, L.B. \(1959, March 19\)](#). Invocation- As the Twig is Bent. Given for the opening of the general session of American Camping Association Region II convention, Washington DC. Also published in 1959, June as [Lift High our Souls in Camping Magazine](#), 31(5). [Reprinted with permission from American Camp Association.] Also published in 1960 as The Camper's Prayer in K. Webb (Ed.), for American Camping Association, *Light from a thousand campfires*. NY: Association Press. Also published in *The Telescope Messenger*, 126(14), back cover.

[Sharp, L.B. \(1961\)](#). Heart of the Hills View. Used on Outdoor Education Association 1963 Christmas card. Photo on the card was by Don Rettew, friend of L.B.'s and prolific photographer of L.B. portraits and of Life Camps for many years. Of note: This card was sent out after L.B.'s passing in early December 1963. He had already arranged to have it made and printed by Don Rettew after some edits where L. B. replaced the word "now" with "hew" in last stanza. Don had already printed some before the correction, so those cards were sent to students (B group); and the changed ones sent to OEA members (A group). [Copyright in public domain due to date of publication - without notice or without renewal by OEA.]