

## Charlie Finn Poetry Sampler

Charlie's work inevitably draws on and reflects his clinical practice, offering a melding of perspectives and speaking to issues in psychological health in a way that only a poet-counselor can. "Wielding Sword, Enduring Tunnel" and "Improbable Grace" are examples of his poetry.

### Wielding Sword, Enduring Tunnel

Breaking off an addictive relationship—  
whether with substance or person—  
not only calls for tall courage of mounting resolve,  
for a decisive severing of a limiting love,  
but means enduring what feels an endless tunnel of emptiness  
all on the strength of a desperate hope,  
born of accounts of those making it through,  
that there will not only again come love  
but this time one worthier of the name.

### Improbable Grace

It's not a matter of being done with wounds,  
for life keeps wounding,  
but rather of allowing them when they come  
not only to carry us toward healing  
but wondrously to transform us into healers  
thanks to the wildly improbable grace of the original wounding

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