An Arts-Based Contemplative Pause

Part 2
art (n.) early 13c., “skill as a result of learning or practice,” from Old French art (10c.), from Latin artem (nominative ars) “work of art; practical skill; a business, craft,” from PIE *ar-ti- (cognates: Sanskrit rtiḥ “manner, mode;” Greek arti “just,” artios “complete, suitable,” artizein “to prepare;” Latin artus “joint;” Armenian arnam “make;” German art “manner, mode”), from root *ar- “fit together, join”
This special issue is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Carl Leggo (Nov. 15, 1953 – Mar. 7, 2019)

You left behind a long poem, a legacy of contemplative life, a new language of spirit full of resonances and gaps, fragments and sparks. Your eternal reminders of learning to live with love, long love, lasting love, love in education, love of the world and repeated calls for living poetically, living well, and living together fills me with “hope for each day’s journey even in the midst of intransigent injustice, fear, and hatred to remain fully human.” To live with conviction that the purpose of life is not the accumulation of gold stars rather living poetically with the clustered stars invites us to see the light.

Thank you for becoming a shining star.
—Momina Khan
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