

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Unless we feel, we fail  
to remember.

Those killed in war  
become just names or numbers.  
And those who took their lives  
by choice?

Additional numbers.  
Or those who took the paths  
of least resistance?

More numbers.  
If we believe Erasmus,  
the world is ruled by folly.  
What passes for honor is folly.  
Statues commemorate the least  
noble.

The infamous and wealthy  
are known eternally by name.  
Assassins and saints are buried  
alike in cemeteries groomed  
like gardens.

The folly of faith  
without love or action sullies  
what passes for religion.

Entrepreneurs  
and men of state confirm  
Erasmus as a prophet...

It takes  
a rebel, often a woman,  
to choose the option of fools  
and live for others.

Folly

has no defense.

By feeling

what she means and loving how

she lives, she cares for what

is overlooked or lost

and makes what's lasting last.

For Janine Bayer