

The Ever Given

It sits athwart a major artery of goods and money
like resolute plaque, the Aswan Dam, a giant blood clot
Hundreds of giant pantries hover by the channel's mouths
awaiting its dislodgement, eager to deliver their bounty
determined to line the pockets of their craven owners
frustrated by this standstill of the bustle of world commerce

The Ever Given, the Ever Greedy, the Ever Inclined to Hubris
to Bigger and Better, to Cutting Corners, to Amassing More
at the expense of less and, yes, to the Biggest Cock

So there it is, lodged in the vaginal canal called Suez
indifferent, preening, the center of attention
The Ever Given, the Ever Taking, the Ever Providing
what we believe we cannot live without

O Humanity! See how we are Ever Mistaking
Getting for Loving, Taking for Living
Appropriating for Giving
Wake up and set things right
before it's too late