

YOU SPEAK, AND THE STARS BEGIN THEIR BURNING

Season of Creation Meditation

You speak, and the stars begin their burning.
You speak, and lands emerge from the waters of chaos.
You speak, and the emerald greens
 of plants beyond number dance in fresh breeze.
You speak, and the seasons begin to weave their rhythms.
You speak, and the oceans and rivers team with amazing life.
You speak, and the stunning flocks fly free across a dazzling sky.
You speak, and the myriad creatures roam
 within the gardens of your glory.
You speak, and we arrive.

You see the intricate beauty and delicate balances,
the interconnection that brings life
to a world of wonders;
everything depending
upon the flourishing of everything else.
And you see that it is good.
We want to see as you see.
We want to listen to the heartbeats of your world,
feel the beauty as much as see it,
love the fragility and the splendour as you do.
Let us touch your Earth gently.
Teach us the wisdom we risk forgetting;
that life is made from sharing,
restoring what is damaged begins with understanding,
understanding our powerful selfishness is humbling...
humbling and transforming.
Transforming, because we find
the place you always made for us;
our home within creation's sanctuary,
our work with the wonders of your world of generosity,
our peace in treasuring the gifts of your abundance,
our life within the sharing.

You speak, and long for us to listen.

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