## rising on a moon cake

Rising up into this air space This green place The cold-warm wet woods **Bubbling** brook (shu stream, jing-river) And your hand -huge warm hand-Enveloping mine In the black of moonlight Faint shadows cast On a wooded hillside That looks like a hundred year old field from Maine Smiling inner peace Breathing here and now Being in your presence

Waking up to a sunrise A foggy bike ride Ober the bridge and through the homeless To ocom I go

To love myself is to love another
No matter how well we know
Someone
How can we ever really?
If it takes a lifetime (more) to know
ourselves
No one person can meet
every need of another
Find that through
connection
with the whole.

I'm learning...
With every new experience,
Every hardship that is my teacher
Every light, every darkness
Every hurt, every brightness

Quest in life
Unfolding
Stillness inside
Assimilating, reflecting
ageless mysteries
You embody royalty
and essence,
deepevolutionarily
Karma and ancestry
of lifetimes

We are never alone Always connected Always breathing, being, Beating heart resonant with Others on the same path Like attracts like So glad I found you.

So, I keep rising on a moon cake
On an earth bake
In a slow wake
On a sunbeam
In a moon lake
On a surf wave
Rushing water
Peaceful enclave
The connection bridge
To the earth kid
Waking to a heartache
For the earth's sake
In a sun beam, for sure

Holler for the people Like an earth swoon Bright full moon Highlighting redwoods In the early dawn Raise a fist, an idea, Radiate change, mobilize a heart Find a kinder future For everyone No exceptions All in No delineations We are ALL One.

Settling calmly Reaching longingly Sharing whispers and seeking friendships with ladybugs And with kings and queens who own nothing material But know something Of the true nature of being, Who have heart. Who have lived life's toughness Felt its roughness And let it soften Rather than harden Let it open rather than close Let it heal rather than hurt.

Look for the meaning of life in the soil In its richness Grounding -

Sustaining, supporting, Living and breathing you Eco diversity = health Microcosm of social construct That could be A lesson learned for Humanity.

When I'm near you
When I'm apart
My center feels strong
And glowing
Color of power
And connection
Total integration
You are the one.
Who holds life so precious
Who understands balance
And connection
Perfectly.
I adore you.
My heart opens wider
Than ever before

I know we can embrace The world And what it holds

So grateful
For your presence in my life
Whatever form it takes
I want to give you the world
And always have your back.

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