

Love Song to the Earth

Paul McCartney

This is an open letter
From you and me together
Tomorrow's in our hands now
Find the words that matter
Say them out loud
And make it better somehow

*Looking down from up on the moon
It's a tiny blue marble
Who'd have thought the ground we stand on
Could be so fragile
This is a love song to the earth
You're no ordinary world
A diamond in the universe
Heaven's poetry to us
Keep it safe Keep it safe Keep it safe
'Cause it's our world It's our world*

It's not about possessions,
Money or religion
How many years we might live
When the only real question
That matters is still a matter of perspective

See mama earth is in a crazy mess
I's time for us to do our best
From deep sea straight up to everest
She under crazy stress
Unless you wanna be motherless
Clean heart
Green heart
Is the way I stress
Speediness and too much greediness
Six billion people all want plentiness (It's our world)
Some people think this is harmless (It's our world)
But if we continue
There'll only be emptiness

Prayer Leader:

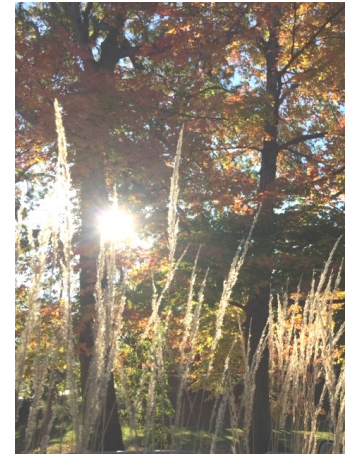
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What did you do... when you knew?

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Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.

God is present in all our lives.

God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: “Hieroglyphic Stairway”
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It's 3:23 in the morning
and I'm awake
because my great-great grandchildren
won't let me sleep
my great-great grandchildren ask me in dreams
what did you do while the planet was plundered?
what did you do when the earth was unraveling?
surely you did something
when the seasons started failing?
as the mammals, reptiles, birds were all dying?
...what did you do once you knew?



Reading: *A Prayer for Our Earth*
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every
creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

Sharing...
a word...
a phrase...
a reflection...