

## What a Wonderful World

I see trees of green,  
Red roses too.  
They bloom for me and for you.  
And I say to myself  
What a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue;  
I see clouds of white.  
The brightness of the day  
The dark, sacred the night.  
And I say to myself  
What a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow  
So pretty in the sky,  
Also the faces of the people going by.  
Friends shaking hands  
They're really saying "how do you do?"  
And I say to myself  
What a wonderful world.

I see babies cry.  
I watch them grow.  
They'll learn much more  
Than I'll ever know.  
And I say to myself  
What a wonderful world.  
What a wonderful world

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To  
See  
as  
God  
Sees



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:** Dr. Douglas Christie:

*Seeing the Unfathomable Wholeness of the Living World*

For too long, a certain understanding of our spiritual traditions has led us to think of God as existing outside of (or beyond) the created world; as a result, we did not take the created world in all its glory as seriously as we should have done. We neglected and abused it. So learning to “see as God sees” becomes an invitation to inhabit God’s world, notice it, and cherish it. This is a form of reverence and simple spiritual practice that most of us knew as children before it got educated out of us. We need to reclaim it in our spiritual practice. Take, for example, the tradition of the “spiritual senses.” While it is true that the ancient contemplative traditions often understood this idea in largely metaphorical terms, we can also read it as an invitation to return to our bodies and open our senses – to learn again how to see, hear, taste, and feel the living world as a sacrament and learn to care for it.

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## **Reading** John Soos,, *Prayers from Around the World*

To be of the of the earth is to know  
The restlessness of being a seed  
The darkness of being planted  
The struggle toward the light  
The pain of growth in the darkness of night

The joy of bursting and bearing fruit  
The love of being food for someone  
The scattering of your seeds  
The decay of the seasons  
The mystery of death  
And the miracle of birth.

## **Sharing...**

**a word...**

**a phrase...**

**a reflection...**