

People Help the People Birdy

God knows what is hiding in those weak and drunken hearts
Guess you kissed the girls and made them cry
Those hard-faced queens of misadventure
God knows what is hiding in those weak and sunken eyes
Fiery throngs of muted angels
Giving love but getting nothing back, oh

*People help the people
And if you're homesick, give me your hand and I'll hold it
People help the people
Nothing will drag you down
Oh, and if I had a brain, oh, and if I had a brain
I'd be cold as a stone and rich as the fool
That turned all those good hearts away*

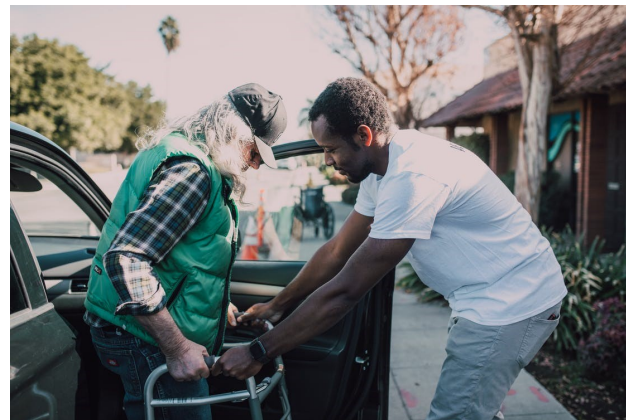
God knows what is hiding in this world of little consequence
Behind the tears, inside the lies
A thousand slowly dying sunsets
God knows what is hiding in those weak and drunken hearts
Guess the loneliness came knocking
No one needs to be alone or sinking

Prayer Leader:

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We Walk Together



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

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To Ponder:

Ladder to the Light

Steven Charleston, Episcopal priest & Choctaw elder

One of the greatest challenges we face in our ascent to freedom is the fear of diversity. Throughout the centuries, oppressive cultures have invented scores of ways to pretend human beings are fundamentally different. They have invented the concept of race. They have invented elaborate caste systems. They have engineered class distinctions. They have economically separated people by gender. They practiced religious exclusivity and intolerance. The list goes on, but the results have been the same. Humanity has remained fractured along imaginary fault lines created by fear and perpetrated for social control and domination.

In the kiva, we begin overcoming this fear. We begin to see the deeper truth of our own humanity. The higher we climb on the ladder to the Light, the more we realize the reality of our own existence. We are not different; we are the same. The Light exposes these false divisions and helps us recognize one another for what we are: brothers and sisters in the great tribe of human beings.

Once we recognize one another as related, as members of the same family, we cannot rest easy as long as some members of our family are being treated unfairly. Our social action in our work for justice comes from an awareness that when one suffers, we all suffer.

Community is how we respond to injustice. It is our unified response to oppression or bigotry. Community is how we hold diversity in equilibrium. Our vision of unity in diversity is realized with a willingness to learn and, with faith in the Spirit, we can confront old colonial agendas on our way to a brighter future.

Reading:

Listening to your Life Frederick Buechner

My life and your life

flow into each other as wave flows into wave,
and unless there is peace and freedom for you,
there can be no real peace or freedom or joy for me.

To see reality,
not as we expect it to be but as it is
is to see that unless we live
for each other, and in and through each other
we do not really live;
that there really can be life only where there really is,
in just this sense,
Love.

This is not just the way things ought to be.
Most of the time it is not the way we want things to
be.

It is The Way Things Are.

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...