

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Peace Educator
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I come to you Not
As teacher.
Not
To appraise, allocate, grade.
Unless invited,
And only then
In the spirit of the game.

I come to you
As gardener.
Digging and clearing,
We might be surprised
By beauty, delighted
By fruitfulness.
Seeds and fruits

Do Not belong
To me.
The garden is Not

Of me.
I am custodian
For a while.

Tending, weeding,
Balancing
Nature's fall.
Seeds may spread,
But not of my making.
With you, I sew.
In fellowship.

I come to you Not
As activist.
I am free to enter
Or leave
Your world, as I desire.
So I am out of reach
Of understanding.

Your suffering
Is different
To my suffering.
I am Not here
To give you voice.
I do Not require
Your emancipation.

You did Not create
The conditions of your wanting.
Our daily acts
Of selfishness,
Pride and greed
Bind us all
In a web.

I come to you as songster,
Quietly singing
Truth
To power.

Songs fall into my lap
Like giggling babies.
To be cherished,
Adored, and dressed.
Songs fill me,
Sing me.
Gifts from ancestors,
Improvised with you.

I come to you Not
As hero.
My neglect and ignorance
Are Not heroic.
The day may never come

When I am tested
To give my life
For another.
Until then,
I do not know
If I am a hero.

I come to you Not
As colonizer
With dreams
To sell.
I do Not bring
Suffocating,
Homogenizing
Packaged
Peace.

I come to you
As visitor-host,
Hearing
Your stories,
Re-telling them,
Adding my own.
With you
I search.

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My-your space
Gives warmth,
Hospitality,
Nourishment.

In brotherhood,
I walk beside you.
In sisterhood,
We connect.

I come to you as migrant.
Pilgrim,
Witness,
Weaver,
Dreamer.

Educator for peace.

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