

Everything We Need

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Saw a woman on the street
I thought it was my mother
It caught my breath but when she turned
I could see it was another

Grief encounters tricks of light
How I wish for things with all my might
But birds keep gathering for flight
But will return when the time is right

Today I sense that all is near
Ever more and soon to be
Within us and between us is
Everything we need

I press my palm tree after tree
To feel the weight of time
Light came down in silver threads
All mixed with rain and pine

Now I don't know and never will
What rises in the evening still
How empty cups keep getting filled
How healing comes and hope refills

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It's not out there somewhere that's right
It's always been right here, hidden in plain sight

Everything will go to dust
But from the dust returns
The leaves drip down without regret
As another season turns

I dreamt of water every night
While you slept and dreamt of air and light
And I pray we all find clearer sight
And in turning round we come round right

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