

The Freedom of Forgiving

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Give me the freedom of forgiving
And the peace that it will bring
Let the anger that I've clung to fade away
Let me live within the moment
Let the spirit within me sing
With the freedom of forgiving every day

Breathing in we're in one moment
Breathing out we're in the next
While the sun will rise and set from day to day
We go scurrying and scrambling
We are worrying and rambling
Till who we are gets lost along the way

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There's a labyrinth to walk here
Taking one step at a time
And with each step letting old resentments go
We can name them, we can frame them
We can let them melt away
Like the final fading patch of winter snow

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Forgiveness is a blessing
Forgiveness is a prayer
Forgiveness, a reminder we are there
With ourselves and with each other
There is love enough to share
With the freedom of forgiving in the air

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