



equality

equality is fundamental
up quarks give to downs
electrons dance with protons
organelles work for the cell / organs the body
who eat in turn become food / or serve Life in other ways
what we tell ourselves about hierarchy / territoriality / fitness
reflects our minds' eye / mirrors our ideas about ourselves

whether flower herd lake field society planet
the whole is greater than the sum of the parts
the larger process a result of the activities in the microtheatres
when agents performing their specialized roles in such complex networks
have equal access to opportunity / resources / the production of information
with fairness share the common good
they generate patterns of belonging / participation / cooperation
carry out successful decision making / adaptation / sustainability

whatever meaning we attach to equality
the self-as-separate narrative teaches us to worship winning
competition / powering over / domination characterize our history
pharaohs emperors kings nobility a privileged ruling class —
the arrangement has failed to end war / poverty / exploitation / insecurity
inequalities abound in our world: political, economic, gender, ethnic...
a pathway we can now see ends in planetary ecological collapse

equality reminds us of our common heart
opens a place between us
invites grace
in less than a nanosecond tells a story
about something more going on
than the narrative that keeps us apart
we glimpse the alternative
possibilities comes in reach