



art

like the stars / earth / Life
we are all artists
we brush and cut our hair / paint our faces / dress up
prepare food / set the table
design build repair grow teach clean serve
decorate our homes inside and out

artists share their mind
seek inspiration / practice perseverance
craft their work into excellence
speech painting sculpture music dance theatre
give expression to forms in our imaginary
present visions of the beautiful and true
appealing to the unspoken authority of feelings / soul
always within a political culture / a universe

artists may deny that art serves a purpose
or insist that, like reason
art serves either good or evil
the nazi party employed art and artists
as do twenty-first century public relations firms
representing products / persuasions / politicians / noise

artists may produce a momentary escape from reality
transcendence / distraction / fantasy
they may undermine the very sign system they use
at best the artist dives deep into the Referent river
emerges with open hand / invites to think
creates alternative narrative / brings us closer to free
offers pathways to heal our fractured selves