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THIS IS WHAT I SEE

The beauty of life speaks through
nature
For there is consistency
There is subtlety
There is silence crystal clear like
the sound of leaves kissing one
another as their bosom friend
the wind passes by
And I cry no more for I hear the
unheard sound
And I see the unseen beauty.

Mother nature woman without a
husband maintains everything
For she is the keeper of the wind
when it isn't blowing
Who could not know her for she is
the breath.

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A NATURAL HIGH

To groove without liquor
To groove without weed
A mind that develops
A natural seed

To deal with society
Without a crutch
A mind that is weak
Cannot do as much

A natural high
Is very rare
It doesn't cause you
To look or stare

It challenges you
To what is real
That material indulgence
Can't make you feel

A natural high
Is based on mind
That kind of high
Is so hard to find

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FOLLOW THE LEADER

While you grovelled
In your caves
Looking for an exit
We built
Kush/Nubi
Monomotapa
Mali/Songhay
Ethiopia
& Egypt

When you emerged
And tried to stand
Erect
We had built
Pyramid & Sphinx
Irrigated & fertilized
Parched lands

When you felt
You would fall
Off the world
If you went too far
We crossed oceans
Made friends
& influenced peoples

& when you starved
For education
You came to
Our schools
We
Were your teachers

When you were sick
And needed medicine
Imhotep
Shared his discoveries

And
When The Creator said
Let me make man
In this african place
You were
Not even around!

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SERMON ON SUNDAY

Dark clouds tried to hold
The light of the laboring sun
After the storm —
But the beams were born
Against the stained window panes
Of the church at eleven a.m.
On Sunday morning.

The Pastor preached the story
Of the prodigal son
While something inside me —
Let me know
The sun and I
Had come home
At the same time.

Charlotte R. Bush
Memphis, Tennessee

HOPE

Hope it is a strange frantic feeling
that feels so good

a sunbeam bursting
on a frostbitten leaf
a star, a guiding light
for three wise men traveling
one holy night
a bandage to the rescue
and mama's smile saying
you ain't gonna die afterall
a touch, an embrace
and two souls interlace

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Claudia Simpson
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THE ESCAPE EXCURSION

life was getting hard
times were getting tough
and after six joints
they still hadn't had enough

they needed more to forget
that there was no way out
they needed more to eliminate
the frustration and the doubt

that had accumulated from
hard work and soft dough
so they took a fantasy trip
on the new streamline disco

with all their bills piling up
and the rent was weeks behind
they went down to the mind depot
just knowing that they'd find
a way to really escape
the deadly nine-to-five
that red, white and blue syndrome
that had caused their souls to die

they waited in line
and they stepped on hand in hand
they danced on the streamline
disco
to a pre-recorded band

the disco rocked around the curves
and they thought about the bills
no more
it boogied through the by-pass
and the yelling kids were gone

as it grooved past the guardhouse
they forgot how the prices had
grown
but when the streamline disco
stopped
it just took those two back home

the kids were still unhappy
and he gets worse each day
she's still lacking fulfillment
and the dog has run away

so they joined the national addicts
hooked on that weekend ride
on the wonderful streamline disco
and again were pacified

Christopher S. Prince
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FUTURE NEED

Pass my love on my child,
Like the wind passes its life to the
trees,
And the trees bear fruit to me,
And I bear thee.

Pass my love on my child.
Make it strong and deep like the
ocean.
Make it warm like the sun,
But pass my love on my child.

Sprinkle it on everything like the
rain when it falls.
Make it glow in the darkest heart
like the moon light.
Give it to a stranger.
Give it to a friend.
But pass my love on my child,
Because love is the need of life.

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