Emergence

Veriditas

Handheld Labyrinth Walk

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When the Roses Speak, I Pay Attention

by Mary Oliver
WHEN THE ROSES SPEAK, I PAY ATTENTION
by Mary Oliver from *Thirst* (Beacon Press)

"As long as we are able to be extravagant we will be hugely and damply extravagant. Then we will drop foil by foil to the ground. This is our unalterable task, joyfully."

And they went on, "Listen, the heart-shackles are not as you think, death, illness, pain, unrequited hope, not loneliness, but lassitude, rue, vainglory, fear, anxiety, selfishness."

Their fragrance all the while rising from their blind bodies, making me spin with joy."
Change
by
Kathleen Raine
Change
Said the sun to the moon,
You cannot stay.
Change
Says the moon to the waters,
All is flowing.
Change
Says the fields to the grass,
Seed-time and harvest,
Chaff and grain.
You must change said,
Said the worm to the bud,
Though not to a rose,
Petals fade
That wings may rise
Borne on the wind.
You are changing
said death to the maiden, your wan face
To memory, to beauty.
Are you ready to change?
Says the thought to the heart, to let her pass
All your life long
For the unknown, the unborn
In the alchemy
Of the world’s dream?
You will change,
says the stars to the sun,
Says the night to the stars.

~Kathleen Raine
A human mind is small when thinking of small things.

It is large when embracing the maker of walking, thinking and flying.

from “Emergence” by Joy Harjo