

“From Which the Body Rises” – An Earth Day Prayer
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Holy One, Let me love your creation
Not as an object to be used as careless throw-away
But as the womb of life from which every body rises.

Let no river go unnoticed
Falling victim to actions upstream with downstream consequences
Too often visited on the vulnerable.

Let every molecule of air be honored for the life it carries
In constant exchange from one body to another
Binding all in indivisible necessity.

Let eating again be sacrament
Savoring every energy You provide
As abundant answer to every lie of scarcity
Forming fear's fertile ground.

Yes, Love,
Let today's precious pauses be prayers of wonder
Cultivating the ground within
And honoring the ground all around
As the Holy place of Your creation
From which every body rises.