

Roots

**Sink your tap root, one that goes deepest
striking far, intuitively divining
hidden wells of sustenance
through the driest times.**

**Send your feeder roots, spreading just under the surface
in the symbolic exchange
with dirt and rot
that is the essence of life.**

**Reach your prop roots
linking elbows in a mesh of underground limbs.
Let us offer each other
the grounded tenacity of our woven roots,
and stand together through
the strongest winds.**

**Let us rediscover
the hot fires of our passion
awaken, stir
our sizzling, churning core
that has always burned stronger
than the fires of war.**

**The message we most need to hear
is all around us – there is no place to look
where it isn't shown us.**

Only we think these crazy thoughts like:

“This is my bed”

Or

“This is my house”

Or

“This is my country”

Or

“This is my body”

**But bones laugh –
surely you know by now ...**

**Yet we rush and busy ourselves
so we don't have to think of death
at all, let alone sit and listen
to some old laughing bones.**

**We are the only creatures on earth
who have successfully tricked our minds into**

Believing We Are:

Separate

Above Special

Unrelated Independent

Distant "Free"

**Hypnotized into believing
we are scattered, dispersed,
alone.**

**We are uprooted, too easily swayed.
We are tumbleweed, somersaulting
between fear and desire.**

**Yes, the message we most need to hear
is all around us --
we want it to be complex
we want an excuse for why
we still haven't gotten it.**

**But it's so breathtakingly simple
as taking a breath,
same breath
that a tree
breathed out!**

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