

## Green

By Greg Zborowski

Down in the ravine,  
 Yes, down by the water,  
 Is a sight gray and bleak.  
 Yes down in that creek bed  
 The land is tormented.  
 Nature has been beaten down.  
 The trees no longer grow.  
 The rabbits no longer play  
 for humanity's shortsightedness  
 Has finally taken its toll.  
 The ground has grown weary.  
 The water runs dark  
 For the poison we spread is too  
 much to bear.  
 Where is the life that once filled  
 this place?  
 Where have all the creatures gone?  
 From this place they have all taken flight.



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But, hark, in the ground there by the water.  
 What can it be?  
 Yes, a sprout so small and soft,  
 A tiny green tendril reaching up from  
 the ground,  
 Toward the light of the bright light  
 of noon.  
 Through all of the destruction  
 This little one has survived  
 To carry on the legacy of the land.  
 It rises from the dead ground  
 Like a phoenix from the ash,  
 To bring hope for new life to the barren  
 earth.  
 For life never ends only stumbles and falls  
 And returns to its feet and walks on just  
 the same.

## Keep the Change

By Matt Anderson

When a tiny lil' worm goes into cocoon,  
 When our great star, flips over to moon,  
 When a miniscule seed turns into a flower,  
 When raindrops convert from drizzle to shower.

Things tend to change throughout the time.  
 Not something to fear, but something sublime.  
 Change can bring happiness, or it can bring tears,  
 But it's bound to happen for many more years.

Some people cringe when they hear the term change,  
 But really it's normal, it's not at all strange.  
 It doesn't always happen when the timing is right.  
 Though, you need to accept it, don't put up a fight.

Don't run and hide from things that are no longer,  
 Use them as a crutch, for you to be stronger.  
 So don't be afraid and let things pass by,  
 Embrace the change, and with open wings fly.



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## Beauty is Like Oxygen

By Tara Trew

Beauty is a vital aspect  
 of every person's life.  
 For without the appreciation of beauty,  
 one will feel nothing but strife.

Is it not beauty that makes one smile,  
 that brings a little joy?  
 Is it not beauty that makes one remember  
 when he was just a little boy.

All around us,  
 beauty exists to be admired.  
 The way it warms the heart,  
 one will never grow tired.

How can a person say  
 that beauty is not essential?  
 When on our emotions it can be  
 extremely influential.

Truly appreciating beauty  
 should never be considered shallow or vain.  
 For beauty is what keeps life  
 from being dry and mundane.

Without beauty the world would be  
 exceedingly dull and boring.  
 However, when beauty is added to the picture,  
 the result is more alluring.

Beauty can be a way  
 to determine the most attractive,  
 But without this comparative consideration,  
 to nothing special would our emotions be reactive.

So stop thinking it is superficial  
 to consider an outward veneer.  
 Because finding joy in something one sees  
 should not be ridiculed, but to oneself held dear.

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