An Ode of Gratitude

You have greeted me every day that I can remember

With the truest of kindness and affectionate surrender

Not a single day has gone by without your presence in my life

In every moment you expose your essence

Each time I walk out the door, you provide for me once more

A beautiful spot to nest

A tender moment in which to rest

You offer your surface to me, when I need to root down like a tree

Allowing me to find the feelings of home wherever I happen to roam

When I start to float away, feeling untethered for the day

You remind me of my connection to the ground

You keep my heart and soul safe and sound

I look upon you with deep gratitude

As you help me combat my bad attitude

I surrender myself to you each day

In doing so I keep my weariness at bay

I am in awe of your generosity

The benevolence of your philosophy

To provide for me each day, especially when I get in my own way

Even in the absence of regularly expressed gratitude

You always show up with a good attitude

Reminding me I am remiss

When I struggle to find my own bliss

When I see only the toll, and ignore the glorious whole

You greet me with an open heart, ignoring the cold and dark

Reminding me I am never broken

You are my one true guardian

The one that helps me to feel loved again

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