

You Are Beautiful

: A Song of Diversity

*Creation is a festival of difference,
each leaf shaped in its own way,
each flower carrying another color,
each fragrance offering
its unrepeatable breath.*

*Why, then, do we human beings
cling to sameness,
to uniformity and domination,
to the idol of our own kind?
The world is most beautiful
not when everything is alike,
but when countless forms of life
meet, mingle, and belong together.*

*During my pilgrimage around Mont Blanc,
through the strain of steep climbs,
heaven gave me a gift:
leaves of every shape,
wildflowers of every color,
butterflies and bees
with different patterns,*

*different wings,
and different dances in the air.*

*Marmots rested peacefully
among the rocks.*

*Birds sang their separate songs,
yet shared the same sky.*

*Even where danger remained
and every creature kept watch
for rain, hunger, and its natural enemy,
life still found a way
to dwell together.*

*Before the ordered labor of ants,
their small bodies fully devoted
to the life of their community,
I stood humbled.*

*The mountain taught me again:
Diversity is not a problem to overcome.*

*It is the very beauty of creation.
As trees, grasses, flowers,
animals, insects, and birds
are each beautiful in their difference,
so every human being*

*reveals a beauty
that no other life can replace.*

*You are beautiful,
not because you resemble me,
not because you speak as I speak,
believe as I believe,
or belong where I belong.
You are beautiful
because the Creator imagined you,
formed you,
and breathed into you
a life that has never existed before
and will never be repeated.*

*You are one of creation's
most beautiful expressions.
Without your beauty,
my own life cannot be whole.
Without your voice,
our song is incomplete.
Without your presence,
the world is less alive,
and I cannot be fully happy.*

Know this again.

Believe it again.

Sing it aloud:

You are beautiful.

I am beautiful.

We are beautiful together.

For in the diversity of humankind

truth, goodness, and beauty

meet one another

and become a living communion.

Let us abandon

the idols of sameness,

uniformity, and exclusion.

Let us behold one another

with wonder.

Let us protect every color,

honor every story,

welcome every sacred difference,

and sing with all creation:

You are beautiful.

You are necessary.

You belong.

And without you,

*the song of creation
can never be complete.*

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