

Renewal

How do we renew
Ourselves and our things?
Do we plan
Or find neediness in hidden places?

We do observe
Our planet renews.
Did ancients observe in fear
Or in unity?
We use science and know something of the past.
We know fear as well.

Earth spins, sun shines
Water rises and falls
Ice and animals come and go.
We hurtle through space
A more complex path than some can see.

We humans we build
Shelter for body and soul
Structures so brave against all assaults
Elements, falling water and ultraviolet.

Bravery is not permanence
We must renew.
Sturdy is not forever
We must renew.
We learn to renew.
We reach to renew.
Or suffer the failure to do so.

Humans to renew they eat and sleep
Enjoy each other and sing much.
Buildings, those inanimate beasts
Cause us to act
Make us work copper and wood
Iron, ropes and paint.

If the things of history are to remain

It will be due to us
Our actions and our care.
For left to nature
It is wood to dust
And metal to rust
The elements all renew.

We stewards must act
And here have done so
With lucre from near and far.
And in this act we protect the past
And offer it to later times
And renew our own selves with togetherness
As we move in the cyclic universe dance.