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Dialogue Poem – Opening Session – Tahirih North



Whistling brush and roaring highway
I'm somewhere in between
Thinking about framing our future
Speaking about the love of the land
It's all on our watch.

To be in our best learning
A pattern of learning with each other
To answer our questions together
To bring voices into play
In the valley
Honoring the traditional land
Welcome.

I'm making a big shift, becoming more of who I am
Time to seed, time to sow, time to harvest.
Agriculture and education
Farmers learning from each other
Creative powers of a pencil
Holding the pencil with my voice
This is an opportunity unfolding into the future.

Leadership philosophy shifting, shifting, shifting
Shifting from individuals, shifting to communities
I'm a learner on this journey
Running, running, running
Running is my fun
At work sometimes I wonder if I get it
What are the real questions?
I'm here because of friends
I go where friends call
Drawing on my roots
Grandma and grandpa are my symbols.

New role, new responsibility
Looking after the growth of others
Tools are what I need
Tools to host, tools to lead
A fascination, an excitement
To experience world café.

Prairie roots, mother roots, being in the valley
Change, change, looking, looking
Looking to have more skills
Kitty kitty black cat
We can be playful here
Swiss swiss army knife
Carving out my fast paced life
Falling love with Wheatley
Paperweight and all
Taking my keys wherever I go
To find my way and open up doors
Journey of life, turning a corner, feeling of shifting gears
To be a leader in a changing world.

Community, learning, nurturing others,
Falling apart, facing my fears, navigating with grace
Spiritual being on a human journey
Remembering to breathe
Touching on the heart of community
Carrying my heart on my sleeve
Business of kindness
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Spiritual capacities in who we all are
Linux, knitting, sea legs, roots, but community development is my passion,
And I...yes I,
I answer the call when I get it.