



healing the world one book at a time

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David Jenkins is a true contemplative. His poetry reveals a person who practices gazing upon what is real with loving attention, allowing his feelings to surface. In his poems one encounters awe and wonder, fear and love, desire and loss, grief and joy.

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a deeply personal reflection of my soul

Being With is a collection of poems, things that caught my eye, touched my heart, and spoke to my soul. The reflective, back-and-forth way of connecting verses in the pantoum form of poetry lends itself well to the meandering back-and-forth nature of “being with” life. As an Episcopal priest, most of these poems have a spiritual connection that is contemplative in nature. I love nature, as you will see, and enjoy solitude, particularly our mountain home in northern Colorado, a refuge from popular tourist destinations.

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Sample Poem
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Nighttime Snow

*Nighttime snow on a barren branch
A fairy dusting sets the world aglow
Pristine crystals do enhance
Such beauty to bestow*

*A fairy dusting sets the world aglow
In quiet silence did it come
Such beauty to bestow
A testimony to where all of life is from*

*In quiet silence did it come
Bringing healing to a dismal world
A testimony to where all of life is from
Hope's gift lies swirled*

*Healing to a dismal world
Pristine crystals do enhance
Hope's gift lies swirled
Nighttime snow on a barren branch*

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In Silence

*In silence I open
Head, heart, soul
Bare is the broken
Willing to be made whole*

*Head, heart, soul
Waiting patiently
Willing to be made whole
Consumed so gratefully*

*I wait patiently
Yearning with a sense of longing
Consumed so gratefully
Filled with an awareness of belonging*

*Yearning with a sense of longing
Bare is the broken
Healed by the awareness of belonging
In silence I open*