



Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF)

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Verse Speaking
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CHOICE A

Will there really be a “Morning”?

by Emily Dickinson

Will there really be a “Morning”?

Is there such a thing as “Day”?

Could I see it from the mountains

If I were as tall as they?

Has it feet like Water lilies?

Has it feathers like a Bird?

Is it brought from famous countries

Of which I have never heard?

Oh some Scholar! Oh some Sailor!

Oh some Wise Man from the skies!

Please to tell a little Pilgrim

Where the place called “Morning” lies!

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CHOICE B

A Poison Tree *by William Blake*

I was angry with my friend;
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe;
I told it not, my wrath did grow.

And I water'd it in fears,
Night & morning with my tears;
And I stunned it with my smiles,
And with soft deceitful wiles.

And it grew both day and night,
Till it bore an apple bright,
And my foe beheld it shine,
And he knew that it was mine.

And into my garden stole,
when the night had veil'd the pole;
In the morning glad I see
My foe outstretch'd beneath the tree.