

# CELEBRATED LIGHT



## The Tapestry Greet the Traveller Poem

Ah! Memories of so many places  
Pause before this overflowing anticipation!  
Tyrannous flatlands<sup>1</sup>, myopic myth<sup>2</sup>  
Miniature loneliness<sup>3</sup>  
Ambiguous searching<sup>4</sup>  
Pause before this complex invitation!

Evasive Source<sup>5</sup> of all vitality<sup>6</sup>  
Here discloses exuberant streams  
Of nascent life<sup>7</sup>: Age's most expansive song<sup>8</sup>.  
All accepted<sup>9</sup> in the surge of exultation<sup>10</sup>  
All marvellously embraced<sup>11</sup> – in this –  
Ebullient<sup>12</sup> energy of celebrated Light<sup>13</sup>.

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1. Tyrannous flatlands: Human beings find their lives tyrannised by flatness, boredom, repetitive tribal destructiveness.
2. Myopic myths: Short-sighted myths of outdated and narrow-minded religion, short-term gratification and impulsive world solutions are well known.
3. Miniature loneliness: This contrasts with a strutting grandiosity and the pretence of social enjoyment; we are all very small and we are all lonely in our insularity.
4. Ambiguous searching: The authentic traveller is searching for a bigger world, a better humanity and stronger more tolerant self. But the search is never clear-cut – it is always involved in paradox, anxiety and ambiguity.
5. Evasive source: This is another term for the source of all life. Some would use the word “God”, but the God-word is now so much lost in vernacular and obfuscation that it is difficult to find a right word. The “God at heart of the universe”, is not really definable, and so the experience and apprehension seems unreachable and evasive.
6. Vitality: Every human being either longs to find this vitality, and their whole being leaps when they see its manifestations.
7. Nascent life: This is the excitement of new birth, of new creation, of new discovery, or as the New Testament says ‘a New Being.’
8. Age's...song: The energy of exuberance flows through from birth to old age, across the life-span.
9. All accepted: A basic teaching – there is neither male nor female, colour, race, sexual preference: all are accepted: All belong to one human family.
10. Exultation: The fullest response to our deepest acceptance: a sweeping rise of hope and courage, and a ‘new faith’
11. Embraced: All barriers fade and fall as we begin to own our cross cultural tolerance: Jew and Arab, Asian and European, Sudanese and Sudanese! All embraced.
12. Ebullient: Our strongest word that explodes our excitement and ecstasy, our vitality and joy.
13. Celebrated light: Ultimately life is meant to be celebrated - and it is celebrated best of all in the colours and vibrancy of light. The legend: “And God said ‘Let there be light’ – and (all of a sudden!) There was light!”

The tapestry reminds every traveller that the search for that ‘celebrated light’ continues, and at points along the way, it is seen in its different strength and its energising splendour.