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### An Ode to Reds, Greens and Blues

## The Morning

Lulling fragrance of flowers wafted about and sang a lullaby

Sunshine on the leaves collected like pools of honey

Tiny new leaves of the rose bushes the color of raspberry

Pale withering flowers neighboring the magenta roses in their full glory

A pond in the far distance gurgled with life, with lotuses unearthly

Snow-colored swans with half-hearted necks calling out their other halves lovingly

Livid blue sky sprawling with large piles of cottonlike clouds above me

O Dear Nature! I lay, on the tiny tickling teasing grass blades, devouring thee!!

#### The Tree

I have this question for thee O tree! How much is the fee?

For your paper and fruits; for your leaves and roots Home for birds and shade for all; we don't want you end in the mall!

Black, White or Brown; African, American or Indian, We are alike: just Flesh, Blood, Bones and Water We are alike: Color, Race, Borders, how do they matter

This world is not just land and sea; Everything is nothing without you and me!

#### The Rain

That smell reached my nose I can never miss it No shower, no tap, no pipe, no hose Can replace it

The sky wears black Crying? Or laughing out Loud?

I sit here, paintbrush in hand Gazing upon this wonderful land Tears begin to drop down How much I love thee, Oh rain!

That light spray of rain on the tips of the buds and leaves

Rain stops, I'm still here stuck with the spectacle it leaves

#### The Ocean

I rise to the cloud I make the rain; I feed the ground I grant the grain!

I can't be contained, can't be controlled, I am the Ocean Free and wild; A sight by the Sun, A song by the moon Always a joy to behold!

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