



An artist thinks:

Tossing and turning.
On a night plagued with sleeplessness.
I ponder the question.



Why did God choose an Artist to think of diversity?

Early morning comes
The dawn is near
Sleep still eludes me.

Why did God choose an artist to speak of diversity?

Is it because in a black and white world

An artist sees;

**Reds and greens and blues and yellows and purples,
Maybe, in six varieties?**

Do they see brown differently?

250 shades of brown!!!

**Is it because of the life that was lived
With diversity disguised as normalcy?**

And with it

An understanding of the Beauty of Diversity.

What is normalcy?

2.5 kids in a 3 car garage with a dog which is light brown.

The garage is so full the cars don't live there anymore.

**Does the color of the dog or size of the garage
Measure a person's worth?**

Why do we all have to be the same?

I don't want to be the same.

I am an individual.

**In a suburb west of here
There is a street of houses
All the same.**

It has no beauty.

Diversity is where Beauty lives.

Imagine a garden planted only with daffodils.

Daffodils are beautiful

Until lost in the sameness of a thousand daffodils.

Diversity is where Beauty grows.

(Both voices together)

Why did God choose an artist to teach of diversity?

Why did God choose an artist to talk of diversity?

In this gift to the Church,

The tongues of variety show diversity in many forms.

**Yellows which appear orange
as the light changes**

Reflecting the people who have many facets to their being,

Do not all of us have many sides?

**The person I present at Caribou Coffee
is not the same**

as the one I present in the Board Room

Or at the dining room table

Or in the bedroom

Or in a church

Or in a synagogue

(Both voices together)

So why did God choose the artist to think of diversity

So why did God choose the artist to speak of diversity

Reds turn orange as the light changes

To show moods changes and beauty shifts,

Red symbolizes passion.



What is your passion?

**Does not your passion make you different
From the one sitting in front of you?**

(pause)

Is your passion always the same?

I think not.

Sometimes my passions are realized prone on the couch

(sounds of snoring)

Foey on you

The reds are different,

Some nearly orange.



HERE, Orange is the color of wisdom

Orange, yellow, red, white,

How do we know where intellect lies?

Diversity



**Yellow burning bright
With streaks of orange**

Experience

Trials untested

Wisdom or courage??

Stupid mistakes: learning from

**Three flames have consistency throughout
In the rhythm of their lines**



Sometimes the differences between one and another

Depends on the light

or one's perspective.



Green is the symbol of the land

From different geographies

Of cultures

As many as the trees in a forest

Why must we all be alike?

Each tree is different

Some greens look blue until the light shifts

To illuminate their greenness.

Do you see God in Nature??

Why did God choose an artist to teach of diversity?



The rigidness of blue

A white cross

**How many people have died
Because of religious beliefs?**

How many lives would have been saved through acceptance of diversity?

**When will we understand
that the name of GOD has many spellings?**

“Allah be praised”

Why did God choose an artist to talk of diversity?

The artist hopes.



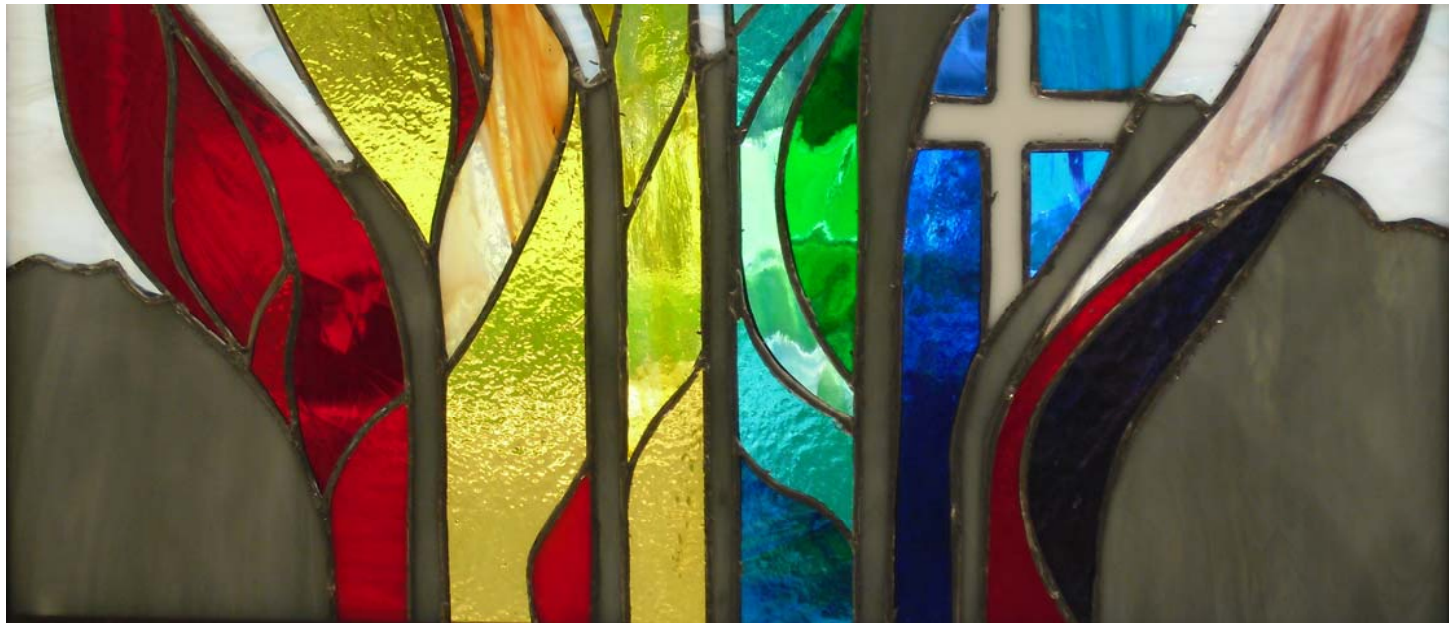
Purple pink or red ?

which way does the light lead us?

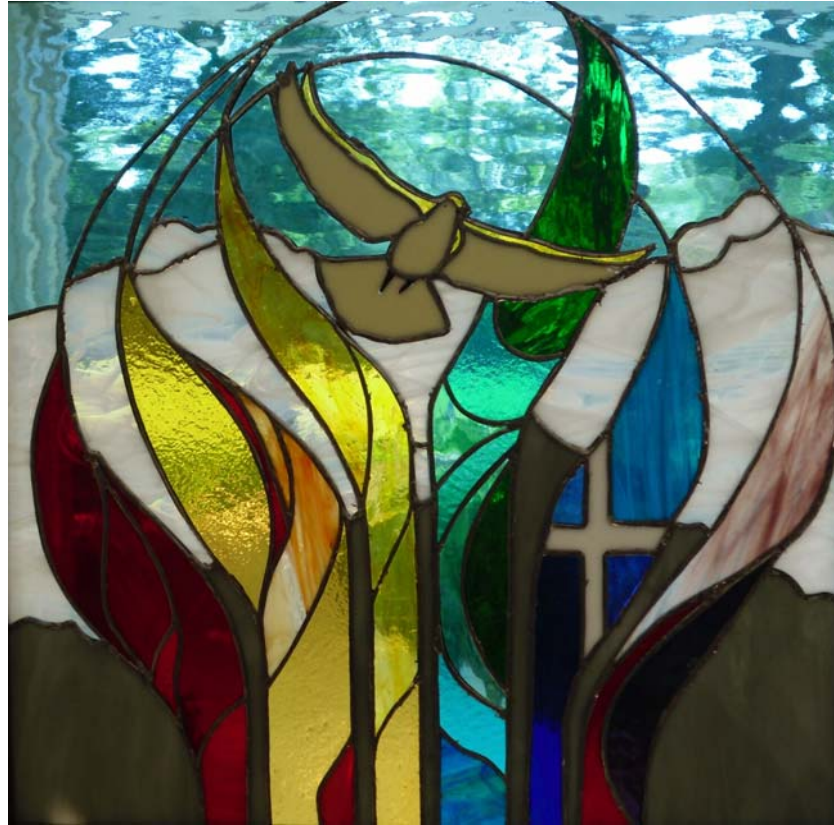
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Black and white

**Mixed
Is gray.**



Do you see grey mountains in a world of color?



The energy of Acceptance and Love

Tie these flames of diversity together

Through acceptance

We nurture the Bird of Peace,

As it flies over the Flames of Diversity.



Reflecting on its wings, the Love of God

Why did God choose the artist to speak of Beauty?

For there is power in Beauty and

There is beauty in Diversity.

That is why

God chose an artist to teach of diversity.



God chose an artist to Think, Speak, Teach, and Talk of Beauty