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I am filled with gratitude and almost feel guilty,  
These days my path seems smooth and silky,  
I've worked hard for years to get to this place,  
The errors are many that I worked to erase.

These days I am feeling pretty fine,  
My life's like a bottle of Texas wine,  
It's getting better as it gets older,  
It makes me smile and I'm feeling bolder.

Today my book Earth Church went to print,  
A birthing, a gift that was heaven sent,  
The words came from me but through all of you,  
As the virus vigil helped to pull us through.

And the other day I had a business meeting,  
A table by a river provided our seating,  
A pileated woodpecker joined us for a visit,  
Conveying good will for a lovely minute.

And the other morning while still a bit dark,  
A sound pervaded that left a bright mark,  
A little screech owl came to visit our home,  
Telling me and Garland we weren't alone.

My life these days seems filled with joy,  
I tell you true – I'm not being coy,  
Happiness comes with either blue sky or thunder,  
I no longer practice bluff and blunder.

My attitude is good – I'm not feeling sore,

Today I need less to make me feel more,  
Give me a big woodpecker and a little screech owl,  
In their presence my spirit soars and howls.

So should I feel guilty that I feel good?  
Or should I just smile and knock on wood?  
I've become content with who and what I am,  
And the inner peace feels really grand.

So welcome to Earth Church,  
Pull yourself up a pew,  
We try to live in a way  
That allows you to like you.