

Virus Vigil

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Trust

Do you trust someone with your heart?
That they will not simply tear it apart,
That they will treat you with respect,
That they won't leave your psyche wrecked.

I trusted a doctor with my heart,
He gave me a great, new restart,
I'm now a member of the zipper club,
On this key task he did not flub.

And what of commitment – heart and soul,
Of this there are many stories told,
For I am committed to protecting green,
And helping restore the Earth's sheen.

I gave my heart to a Fort Worth gal,
Today I consider her my best pal,
We enjoy life and easy loving,
And she manages to keep my head buzzing.

But there's a big heart to the Earth as well,
A center that's very different from hell,
There is nothing but love from the Earth to us,
It's from us to Earth I want to discuss.

We get and we get but what do we give
For the gift of life, of being able to live?
Why don't we appreciate the Earth's gift?
It gives us support – it gives us lift.

We take for granted the most important things,

I want to rethink the song we sing,
We need to embrace the Earth with heart,
And celebrate like Princie does with her art.

So look on this painting and think of love,
From your heart to the Earth – now give it a shove,
Make a pledge today to welcome each new day
That Earth provides a path - a way.

So welcome Earth Church,
Pull yourself up a pew,
Give your trust to the Earth,
It will be good for you.