



## Reincarnation

I've read many books by great philosophers,  
And read a large number of religious tomes,  
I've considered heaven in its different versions,  
And I've challenged my mind to think on its own.

I understand why we all want some security  
About what comes when we pass on,  
But what if the Earth where we live now  
Was the ultimate end place - our celestial home?

If you knew that your spirit was coming back here,  
Would you do or think any differently?  
Would you pay more attention to how you acted?  
Would you live your life more sustainably?

My thinking has led me to the circles and cycles  
That exemplify Earth – that form its foundation,  
Leading me to conclude some cycle must be spiritual  
And the most reasonable pathway is reincarnation.

So, what would you do if you knew that your spirit  
Was coming back around as a different life form?  
Would you change your thinking about habitat preservation?  
Would you be more willing to depart from our norm?

I have found that self-interest is a strong motivator,  
And that leaves some to think that their reward,  
Lies not on this Earth but in some far-away place,

Sitting beside the throne of the Lord.

So, immerse your head in coming back again,  
And realize that you will reap what you do,  
Consider the prospect that you might be a bee,  
Or a robin or a skunk or a llama in Peru.

Think of the community that would gather together  
From thinking that we were all part of the same  
Circular system connecting spirits and souls -  
I have no doubt it would reframe the game.

So welcome to Earth Church  
Pull yourself up a pew  
Sing a hymn of thanksgiving  
That reincarnation awaits you.