



## The Yard

I know it's a topic that hits some hard,  
But we need to talk frankly about the yard,  
It's not 'cause I hate the mowing machine,  
It's just that the yard is not very "green".

Just think of the grass that we cut and re-cut,  
Ecologically speaking, it's a bit of an insult,  
It's never allowed to reach an end point,  
Never to reach climax, never unspoilt.

When cut, the bugs and disease race in,  
We spray with pesticide so we can cut it again,  
The grass needs water - the hose keeps flowing  
To again be cut – water keeps it regrowing.

The yard's not cool from an ecological perspective,  
The grass not from here, it's not interactive,  
We need to support the local fauna and flora,  
That turf grass is a gift from the box of Pandora.

Why does someone have a lawn at their place?  
Do we really use that carefully mowed space?  
I would argue that the yard is a social thing,  
Not something we need but rather like bling.

If the yard is just popular for its appearance,  
Creative ways display ecological brilliance,  
Good design lets aesthetic goals be met,  
Make the transition gradual to avoid the fret.

And the homeowner's association can be a pain,

As a property owner consider this refrain,  
It's my land and my right to do what I wish,  
And if you don't like it, you know what to kiss.

At Earth Church we recommend a gentler approach,  
We work from love which is beyond reproach,  
Bottom line - eventually the yard must change,  
Over time our priorities we must rearrange.

So welcome to Earth Church,  
Pull yourself up a pew,  
Here we pray with love  
To become ecologically true.