

When I Write Poetry

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When I write poetry,

I reach inside myself,

And I feel what can be felt.

If only for a moment ignoring,

That my experience is generated by me.

Trusting as if future moments,

Where the pen will fail to have ink,

Will always be within arm's reach of another pen,

I just feel.

But I begin to remember how I felt,

A moment ago when I began writing.

And really the poem becomes a place to me.

Where I find a version of myself,

That I was pleased to share.

As I go on,

To learn and describe my learning,

The story grows,

And the telling becomes less complete.

I monitor how I feel,

When I change my intuition,

Learn after failure,

Recover after loss,

Correct before error, and

Review my use of control.

And by doing so,

The place becomes a path to me,

Which I prefer to enjoy like a garden.

What should we place here?