

# 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,

The 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.

It may be cliché,

But the poem changes to a path,

Through a space,

Containing perspective frames,

Like you and me.

And the poem grows with emotion,

Becoming a tree of knowledge,

And who knows what fruit it will bear,

Wherever processors compute.