

Communities of Original Blessing

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Communities of Earth:

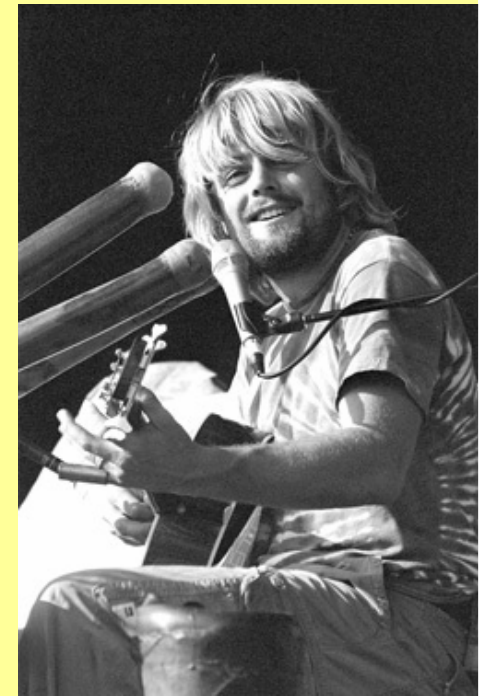
local... grounded...

Messages

You know some people,
they just won't understand,
No, they just won't understand these things.
Thank you for your message
But I don't understand, no
I just won't understand these things.

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Xavier Rudd



Where (on Earth) are you from?

Communities of Blessing:

embracing...

Philosophy of Loss

We kill just a little to save a lot more...

Of course what you give up is what you gain...

The way that it is, is meant to be:

The philosophy of loss...

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Emily Saliers



Whom does your community embrace, and how, and why?

Communities of Simplicity:

Wonder-full...

Just to be

I'm gonna count all the blessings
'til they add up to one.

I'm gonna count all the blessings
'til I count down to one:

Just to be is a blessing

Just to live is holy.

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How does your community
uncomplicatedly hold and enfold simplicity?

Communities of eucharist:

Thanksgiving... re-mem-bering...

The Christians and the Pagans

So the Christians and the Pagans
Sat together at the table,
Finding faith and common ground
The best that they were able...

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Dar Williams



How do we re-mem-ber?

Communities of Deep Ecumenism:

Divine in-ness... OM-nipresence...

God is in
God is in,
Goddess in,
God is Zen,
Got us in

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What is your language,
what is your accent?

Communities of facing pain:

Grieving... letting go... emerging...

Your heart away

How do you breathe? How do you grieve? How do you open your eyes?
Can you emerge from? Can your heart become? Does the truth outlive lies?
How do you walk? How do you talk? How do you bear to visit hell?

What gives you sight? Are you carved from light?
And is it love that sings your name?

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How do you grieve?

Communities of Sanctuary:

Beauty... emptiness... fullness...

Be you to full

Imagine a gauge on your left shoulder

It doesn't measure whether

You're young or older, and

It's just there to show you

How true you are to you.

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What will be emptied,
so compassion may fill?

Communities of Prophetic work:

Justice... Shalom...

In One Peace

In one peace we will learn
that compassion means more
than preaching concern...

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In which fires will your community dance?

Communities of Earth:

Global, connected.

AMAZON (Let this be a voice)

There is a river that runs from the mountains

That one river is all rivers

All rivers are that one

There is a tree that stands
in the forest

That one tree is all forests

All trees are that one



John Denver

www.johndenver.com

Communities of Earth:

Global, connected.

There is a flower that blooms in the desert
That one blossom is all flowers
All flowers are that one

There is a bird that sings in the jungle
That one song is all music
All songs are that one

Communities of Earth:

Global, connected.

It is the song of life
It is the flower of faith
It is the tree of temptation
It is the river of no regret

Communities of Earth:

Global, connected.

There is a child that cries in the ghetto
That one child is all children
All children are that one

There is a vision that shines in the darkness
That one vision is all of our dreams
All of our dreams are that one.

Communities of Earth:

Global, connected.

It is a vision of heaven
It is a child of promise
It is the song of life
It is the river of no regret

Communities of Earth:

Global, connected.

Let this be a voice for the mountains

Let this be a voice for the river

Let this be a voice for the forest

Let this be a voice for the flowers

Let this be a voice for the ocean

Let this be a voice for the desert

Let this be a voice for the children

Let this be a voice for the dreamers

Let this be a voice of no regret