

Old Man Turtle's Monologue

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You thought you attained enlightenment? (laughter) How many allegories must I put in this story before you understand the matter at hand? Notice this caterpillar. (smacks Will on the head)

Don't look at my finger pointing at the truth.

Look at the insect unrealized in its youth.

Oh you look sad—you really thought you had attained something didn't you?

There is nothing to attain; it's already here in your hand.

Try to grasp it, like digging in sand.

You turn to look at what is there,
and when you do, it turns to air.

Try to see what you look like with your eyes closed.

Try to see inside the refrigerator before the en-light-comes-on-ment.

Enlightenment

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No such thing! Do not cry!

Stand with me in wonder as we breathe. Truth and beauty, love and god. What do they mean?

We believe because being belief we become.

Isn't that wonderful? The mind of the rising sun.

But we aren't ever there.

There is only the becoming. Wonderful allegory is better left misunderstood. There is no bad or good.

Notice the robin: He hops in the dewy spring grass. He sings. He sleeps in nested tree.

He eats bugs – after the rain, juicy plump wriggling worms.

Beetles and ants when dry summer returns. Is he worried about enlightenment?

Notice how the hawk dives upon his head and breaks his body and makes robin dead.

But Hawk is well fed. Does he question reality?

What a beautiful idiot this human brain. Enlight-en-Darkness-ment.

To search but never find.

DO not cry, continue the journey it's what you're here for fool.

Kiss the girl—there's not much time for you to find what truly satisfies. You won't find it it's not for you. You'll never be able to do what robins do.