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## **During the Drought**

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Don't Be Discouraged.  
It comes, in S u r g e s,  
But you can't keep it forever.

The energy is like a storm on the wind.  
When it comes, be ready to flow.  
For if you don't release your grip.  
It will surely pass right through you.  
And you will lose the feeling,  
And you will feel normal again,  
And any memory will feel far to foreign.

So cultivate your center.  
Open your eyes.  
Open your mind.  
And you will widen.

Let the tide take you out!  
Don't fear the deep.  
You will find a fresh breath in the del-uge.  
Don't despair in time of drought.  
There will be fall rains.

There are no right paths.  
Only beaten down wrong ones.  
Listen to advice.  
Digest others' experiences  
But you must blaze your own trail!

I speak on to those who have felt the flow.  
To spectators these are only fanciful words.  
I say these things to calm your fear.  
It will come again.

Don't try to tame its winds.  
Be moved when it pulls you.  
Not every eight o'clock,  
Or half-past ten.

Don't demand the speaking of gods.  
For in the pedals of the dew-covered flower  
And in the eyes of the friendly stranger,  
Lie the sparks for the roaring fire.  
Be ready!