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### One Day When You Are Gray

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The way that we are living  
Has caused the Earth to say  
“Why have you forsaken me  
And gone your selfish way?”

But you don’t notice.

When you are old  
And Gray  
And gone your way  
Geriatric way.  
The youth will  
Surely come to  
You and ask in  
The most innocent  
Way, “is it not  
True that the sky  
Was once blue?...  
And the snow was  
White not gray?”

You’ll have nothing to say.

So tilt your weary head,  
And shed a salty tear  
For NOW is the time for  
Answers!  
Not them, but us  
Not tomorrow, but today  
Not BIG, but small  
Ever so small  
Lean low to pick up that  
piece of trash  
Say, “no” when they say it  
saves cash  
Walk that extra mile  
Greet the day with a smile  
Touch the Earth beneath your feet  
It’s you that counts  
Not the government bailouts  
Or the Corporate handouts  
Or the bottom line  
But your simple everyday efforts.  
Now is the time for answers.

Peace, Love and Hope

(Written hastily on the back of an envelope)

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