

# THIRTEEN CHANGES

1. Standing naked in the moonlight—Music washing the body.
2. Atomic imagery—Rotating molecules—Instantaneous particles dancing—Vanishing.
3. Solar winds scorching the returning comet's tail.
4. Elephants mating in a secret grove.
5. Airborne carriers of transparent seedlings.
6. Songs of ancient mothers among awesome rocks.
7. A single egg motionless in the desert.
8. Rollicking monkeys landing on Mars.
9. A singing bowl of steaming soup.
10. Tiny mites circling one hair in the coat of a polar bear.
11. A solitary worm in an empty coffin.
12. A sip of midnight well water.
13. Directionless motion—Unquiet stillness—A moment alone with millions of people—  
Calming the waters—The aura of a black bird.

for Malcolm Goldstein  
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