

The Future (We Dare To Dream)

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i . o u
a m u s u n l i g h t + e p e b b l e d u o s w e e t h a r v e s t + g e n t l e
a s t a r l i g h t + e r i v e r b e d o u * l a v e n d e r d a n d e l i o n e * b r e e z e
u e h t * l a u g h i n g + o c e a n a h o p i n g * w i s h e s a r o u n d r e s t i n g e
* h e a l i n g + s p r a y b u t t e r f l y * l o v e a g r o w i n g * e x h a l e u o
u e a j u s t * e o b u t t e r f l y * l o v e a g r o w i n g * e x h a l e u o
+ l u c e r n e a n d g o o d * k i s s e s + o f f t l y * m o o n f l o w e r e s a f e u a v a l e r i a n a +
o e j o y f u l * a t o g e t h e r + w a r m o e
o u + p e a c e o a r e
+ a

Poem Notes

The way the words are presented is meant to be open to interpretation. They could be stars, snowflakes, pebbles, vines, the branches of a willow tree, or something entirely different. The words are reflective of what we dream the future could be: natural, beautiful, communal. They are presented in a random order to indicate there is no one way this future could appear. The interpretation of the future is different according to who is reading it, and driving it forward. The only words that are intentionally placed are “i am” at the start, “we are” at the end, and “love” in the middle of it all.

Words in the poem:

i am
sunlight
starlight
pebbled riverbed
sweet lavender
harvest
gentle breeze
resting
all around
dandelion wishes
hoping
rainfall
laughing
healing
ocean spray
butterfly kisses
love
growing
exhale
valeriana
lucerne
just and good
joyful
peace
together
moonflower
softly snowing
safe and warm
we are

Flower meanings:

lavender - calmness
lucerne - life
moonflower - creativity born from darkness
valeriana (valerian) - strength
dandelion - emotional healing, happiness