

Teachers Everywhere

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In the encounter with You
awaits a wisdom
I can sense it

You teach me
by Being
here

In a glimpse of opportunity
You grasp maximum grace
with minimum effort

I've travelled many worlds
been blown by wind directions
witnessed waxing and waning moons turning fool

My detours for comfort
swirl and branch amongst distant distractions
loaded with dreams and drama

By slowing down, something awakens
in me, unravelling a revelation
You bow down, lift up and speak

sagely: the core of Earth reaches out long thin threads of the same length
tied to you, to me, to everyone, all the time, equally near
from this place of interiority, we are and we're Home.



Picture by Li An Phoa (2011): *Eriogonum lobii*, Pacific Crest Trail, California, Lake Tahoe.

“This poem I wrote in the encounter with a beautiful fragile flower, an *Eriogonum lobii*, growing strong in the harsh alpine mountain crest conditions during our last day of hiking 113 days and 1455 miles (2400 km) within deserts, mountains, and forests on the Pacific Crest Trail, August 2011.”

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