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## Reconnecting with Nature

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### *Loss of Human Nature*

In this age of technology,  
Humans have transformed society.  
It is only a matter of time until we lose our humanity  
with all these machines controlling our personality.

We forget and we don't realize what truly lies.  
It is our free will that makes up our human minds.  
New innovations help raise human conditions,  
but they also replace utilization.

Under God's eyes all the living things are part of His creation.  
We can never be replaced by such abominations;  
our hearts help to create emotional situations.  
But in the end it is our Love that helps build our characterization.

Our nature is acting upon the idea of what is rational or irrational.  
These computers only act on what is probably or logical.  
We learn what is right or wrong.  
But we fail to understand how to choose either one.

Slowly we lose our humanity.  
Based on what we create that takes over for eternity,  
only we can make the difference to bring human prosperity  
by letting go of all this insanity.

### *Return to Nature*

The grey smoke fills the skies,  
while all the trees stay on the sides.  
Man works day by day;  
nature sits still year by year.  
We have fallen into industrialization.  
so many have caught on to depression.

Hope and Will creates a bond.  
The art of Romanticism brings back the song.  
Thoreau transcends the human soul;  
Emerson encourages the human goal.  
One must observe and analyze;

While others use strength and put it in labor.

We return to Nature.

We simplify our lives.

We determine our dreams.

We respond to our imagination.

This is all the work of the Romantic artists  
who took the time to bring back all of our passions.

### *Nature's Finest*

Nature was once united with the soul of humanity.

But it fell apart due to all the innovative technology.

The winds blew through the desolate land,  
the sun rose above the barren horizon.

All was lost in the blink of an eye.

We allowed ourselves to be taken by surprise.

Nature was not lost through all this corruption.

It was always present sitting and waiting for recognition.

We grew farther away like dust diminishing in thin air.

Our minds were set on following what others told us to do.

Surprisingly the truth lay within the lairs of what was not known.

It lay before our eyes within plain sight.

A moment away from the streets of stress and poverty

Was a move towards the reunion of truth and beauty.

All that is needed is an open mind and an open heart,  
to allow our souls to be transcended by the spirit of Nature.

We were enlightened and realized that deep emptiness.

It was all caused by Nature's Finest.