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## The Unity of God

I sat on a rock and could see a wide river.  
It changed as it moved with the course and its flow;  
But with the mind's eye saw an unchanging system,  
For water is basically still H<sub>2</sub>O.

Change that exists in an unchanging system,  
A river that flows from the hill to the sea  
And time that's a part of a timeless equation,  
Where "one" is the constant of God's unity.

A tree in its garden each year grows and grows;  
And, as it does, adds one more ring to its core.  
The leaves and its fruit form a changing equation;  
Yet still what we see is a "fig sycamore."

Change that exists in an unchanging system,  
A tree, broadly speaking, that's simply a tree,  
And time that's a part of a timeless equation,  
Where "one" is the constant of God's unity.

In math, certain systems are made up of letters.

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Equations have letters that numbers they name.

If an "a" plus a "b" is equal a constant,

Then the letters that change still add up to the same.

Change that exists in an unchanging system,

Numbers and letters in higher degree,

And time that's a part of a timeless equation,

Where "one" is the constant of God's unity.

Looking behind me, I've changed through the years,

But sometimes the change is a hard one to see;

For though I've grown older, it's happened so slowly,

That each time I look, what I see is just me.

Change that exists in an unchanging system,

Creations of God in His image to be,

And time that's a part of a timeless equation,

Where "one" is the constant of God's unity.

This poem could go on forever, it seems;

Each verse might be different to read,

But the over all pattern that gives it its meaning

Is an unchanging system, indeed.

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Change that exists in an unchanging system,  
Verse after verse with a sameness to see,  
And time that's a part of a timeless equation,  
Where "one" is the constant of God's unity.

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