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I have been circling for thousands of years,
and I still don't know: am I a falcon,
a storm, or a great song?

by Rainer Maria Rilke ¹

Storytelling in small groups or personal reflection. One by one, each person shares their answer to the first prompt below. Then go to next question and so forth. A person can pass.

- 1. Tell a story about how you have experienced “widening circles that reach out across the world.”**
- 2. Share what you “give myself to it,” knowing “I may not ever complete the last one.”** After sharing “what” you do, then share “why” you do it. Where does your “why” come from? How has it changed you?
- 3. Share about how you feel, think, and/or become aware of when you read “I circle around God, that primordial tower. I have been circling for thousands of years, and I still don't know: am I a falcon, a storm, or a great song?”**

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¹ <https://www.poetry-chaikhana.com/Poets/R/RilkeRainerM/Ilivemylifei/index.html>, English version by Anita Barrows and Joanna Macy Original Language German, (accessed December 3, 2023).