

Everything is Waiting for You ¹

by David Whyte

Your great mistake is to act the drama
as if you were alone. As if life
were a progressive and cunning crime
with no witness to the tiny hidden
transgressions. To feel abandoned is to deny
the intimacy of your surroundings. Surely,
even you, at times, have felt the grand array;
the swelling presence, and the chorus, crowding
out your solo voice. You must note
the way the soap dish enables you,
or the window latch grants you freedom.
Alertness is the hidden discipline of familiarity.
The stairs are your mentor of things
to come, the doors have always been there
to frighten you and invite you,
and the tiny speaker in the phone
is your dream-ladder to divinity.

Put down the weight of your aloneness and ease into the
conversation. The kettle is singing
even as it pours you a drink, the cooking pots
have left their arrogant aloofness and
seen the good in you at last. All the birds
and creatures of the world are unutterably
themselves. Everything is waiting for you.

¹ <https://onbeing.org/poetry/everything-is-waiting-for-you/> (accessed January 5, 2024).
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Storytelling in a small group or personal reflection. One by one, each person shares their answer to the first prompt below. Then go to the next question and so forth. A person can pass.

- 1. Share about a time you felt alone.**
- 2. Tell a story where you reached out and comforted a person who felt alone and abandoned.** How did that make you feel at the time? Now?
- 3. Share about a door that was opened to you. A door you had the courage to walk through. How has walking through that door changed your life?**
(i.e., from encouragement and insight from another person/group, something you read, music, art, prayer, meditation, walk in nature, dream, awareness, etc.)
- 4. What would it take for you to “Put down the weight of your aloneness and ease into the conversation...Everything is waiting for you.”**

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