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## Live each day with awareness

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Eternal Dwelling Place,  
I know all things are passing.  
My final home is not here.  
Yet I zoom mindlessly through my days  
Missing the passionate gift of life.

How differently I would enter each day  
If I embraced the shortness of my life span.  
The things I consider inconveniences  
Would have a different colored hue.  
The work I feel driven to accomplish  
Would pale beside relationships I cherish.  
The irritations and the angers would dissolve  
As I inhaled the preciousness of life.

Joyful Journeryer,  
I hear you call to me this day:  
"Behold! Enjoy! Appreciate!  
Welcome all who enter this new day.  
Live wild with rapturous wonder.

Look with awe and msile with elation.  
Forgive those who stand at a distance.  
Thank those who hae settled in your heart.  
Be tender with the rough edges of yourself.

