

For All

by Gary Snyder

Ah to be alive

on a mid-September morn
fording a stream
barefoot, pants rolled up,
holding boots, pack on,
sunshine, ice in the shallows,
northern rockies.

Rustle and shimmer of icy creek waters
stones turn underfoot, small and hard as toes
cold nose dripping
singing inside
creek music, heart music,
smell of sun on gravel.

I pledge allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the soil
of Turtle Island,
and to the beings who thereon dwell
one ecosystem
in diversity
under the sun
With joyful interpenetration for all.



I pledge allegiance,

to the _____

of _____

and to the _____

one _____

in _____

under _____

with _____, and

for all.

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SF

SF stood for Sigmund Freud, or serious folly,
 for science fiction in San Francisco, or fear
 in the south of France. The system failed.
 The siblings fought. So far, such fury,
 as if a funereal sequence of sharps and flats
 set free a flamboyant signature, sinful, fanatic,
 the fire sermon of a secular fundamentalist,
 a singular fellow's Symphonie Fantastique.

Students forget the state's favorite son's face.
 Sorry, friends, for the screws of fate.
 Stage fright seduces the faithful for the subway fare
 as slobs fake sobs, suckers flee, salesmen fade.
 Sad the fops. Sudden the flip side of fame.
 So find the segue. Finish the speculative frame.

On this day in 1954, the **United States Supreme Court announced its decision in the case of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka**. The high Court ruled that racial segregation in the public schools violated the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. The ruling reversed the Court's decision in the 1896 case Plessy v. Ferguson, which established the principal of "separate but equal" public facilities for blacks and whites. The Brown decision said that separate educational facilities for blacks were by their very nature unequal.

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The National Guard gave a November Gift to a Newborn Girl. Nylon Ginger had Nut Glaze on it and a Nobble Ghost ate it right away. The Night Giant was big and tall but the Nashis Gaffer beat him at the New Game. The Natures Godist had Never Gaveup until National Geographics beat him by eating Nasty Gum. I said Nothing Grandpa he has cool Native Gear. He was Nerly Gentel of his presions things. Natural Gas is Not Good at all. Nothing is Never Great. The Nearby Germs gave a Negetive Glow.

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Poem: "Words That Make My Stomach Plummet" by Mira McEwan, from *Ecstatic*.

Words That Make My Stomach Plummet

Committee Meeting. Burden of Proof.
The Simple Truth. Trying To Be Nice.
Honestly. I Could Have Died. I Almost Cried.
~~It's Only a Cold Sore.~~
It's My Night. Trust Me. Dead Serious.
I Have Everything All Under Control.
I'm Famous For My Honesty.
I'm Simply Beside Myself. We're On The Same Page.
Let's Not Reinvent The Wheel.
For The Time Being. There Is That.
I'm Not Just Saying That.
I Just Couldn't Help Myself. I Mean It.