

Speaking Worlds Into Being

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Creative Force of our Universe,
Holy One in All Space and Time,
we say that You *spoke* our world into being.
Our story begins with that speaking,
“let there be light,” and there was light

But some nights I wonder how the same lips
could have spoken
“earthworm” and “eagle”...
“leopard” and “lily pad”...
“fearful” and “fragile”...

Oh, that we too might learn
to use our words to speak worlds into being;
to be forces for creation, and not destruction;
for love, joy, justice, and truth
Help us be Your partners
in the rolling of darkness to light
And then, Eternal One, might we join in the words
that culminated your creative spree:
“and it was very good”

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