

Spiritual Deepening: Silence and Expectant Waiting: Poetry

Read the Haiku

Quaker Haiku, *from Spirit Rising: Young Quaker Voices*

Silence envelops
Hearts gathering together
Waiting to be led

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Queries for journaling, group discussion, or worship share

What does this poem mean?

How does the poem express the essence of expectant waiting?

What is worship?

What am I listening for? What am I expecting?

What happens in the worshipful silence? How can I listen for God?

Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationship with other persons and with all creation?

Does worship enhance my capacity for attentive, non-judgemental listening to others?
How does participation in meeting for worship contribute to my life-long spiritual journey?

How can I use silence outside of Meeting for Worship?