

COMMUNITY

We can keep complaining
Or we can create community.
When resources are scarce we can fight over them
Cling to and live in fear for what we barely have
Or we can create community.

We can find differences, ever more differences
And justify them with excuses cunning and seductive,
That lull us into cutting ourselves off,
Hurtling towards isolation,
Racing from Spirit.
Or we can create community.

We cannot force community,
But we can model it,
Making it as compelling as nectar in the desert,
As attractive as your yearning heart,
And as remarkable and natural as touch.

If we believe community is impossible
We are right.
But if we believe community is vital, viable and our only hope,
We are also right.

Let us choose wisely.

-- Joel Perry