

Winds of Change  
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I have sat here, alone, prairie winds, brushing against me,  
All is well, all is one, until,  
The world starts to change, new people, strange people,  
Nature ready to accept them,  
They build, they grow, they have power,

No longer the same,  
We wait, they grow,  
We stay, quiet, not speaking out, ready to give it time,  
Land, no longer prairie, rolling immense hills, endless sky,  
Now is different  
Now is not the same

New farms, buildings, new creatures, new tools, we get trod on, this land  
Is disturbed,

No longer the same,  
We wait, they grow,  
We stay, quiet, not speaking out, ready to give it time,  
Land, no longer prairie, rolling immense hills, endless sky,  
Now is different  
Now is not the same

Still, changes happen,  
Humans grow, yearning for power, now the prairie, that I have  
Known so long, is buildings, concrete,  
I was once a flower, now they call me a weed,

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We stay, quiet, not speaking out, ready to give it time,  
Land, no longer prairie, rolling, immense hills, endless sky,  
Now is different  
Now is not the same  
Dirty looks of disgust, thrown upon me,  
I learn the feeling of hate, but still,  
We stay, quiet, not speaking out, ready to give it time,  
I am different now, dreaming about the used-to-be land, the looming hills,  
gorgeous, glistening, sunsets,

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A message, not spoken, to the humans, from nature, who has seen it all,  
Good times, bad times, a message, unspoken,  
Why do they wish to destroy,  
The climate that we all share,  
They need hope, the message, is:  
Come, listen to nature, to what you have done to the Earth,  
Humans need hope, they need to learn,  
If they listen to the whisper of nature,  
and really understand and care about Earth, they can change what they ave  
Done, not reverse it, but help the Earth go back to thriving and surviving,  
With

HOPE