

## DON'T LET SUNLIGHT FRIGHTEN YOU

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*"One of the problems with constructing a rational world view is that it blocks the light."*

--Hippokrites

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Don't let sunlight frighten you . if  
catlike . it leaps at you  
when you least expect it:  
harsh reality . like everything else  
is open  
to discussion.

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One morning . entering a garden  
you catch the sweet peas  
their legs tangled around each other  
and peering into the tulips  
see *Le Sacre du Printemps* performed  
naked.

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Don't be disconcerted . if you think  
you can hear the sky  
humming . to itself  
a melody from Mozart.

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or if you find . a bright fire  
in your mirror . or wildflowers  
growing rampant . in your unmade bed.

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You needn't worry about the future  
of physics . merely because water flows  
uphill . for awhile.

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Every now and then the world takes a holiday.

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The catalyst varies: love  
lust . poetry . impropriety  
the way your body feels  
after sleep  
or sex . or even a long journey  
on an inexplicably empty highway.

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The trigger doesn't matter. Accept  
the consequences . savour the sunshine

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for somewhere else there's pain  
and a nasty rumour has it  
God much prefers the rain.  
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from *Advice To Travellers* (Ken Stange)