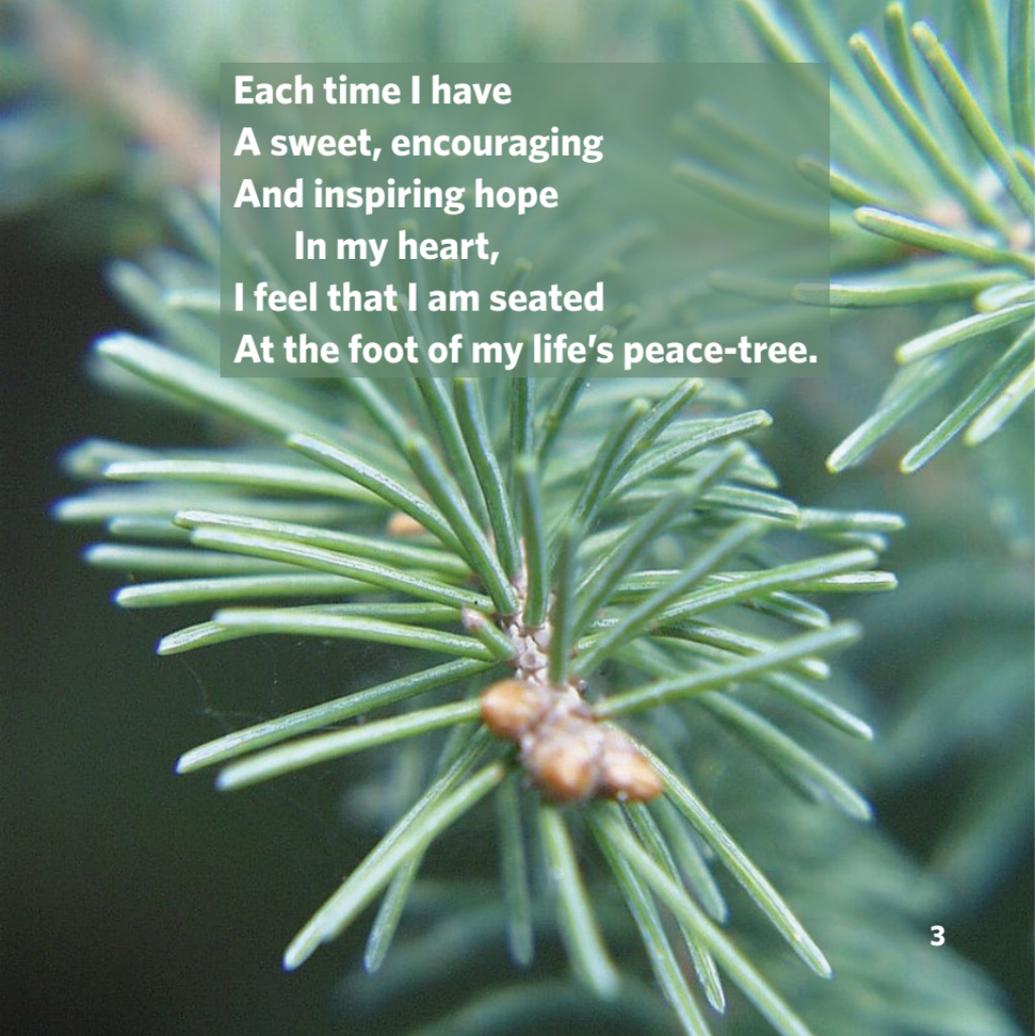


O Tree of Peace

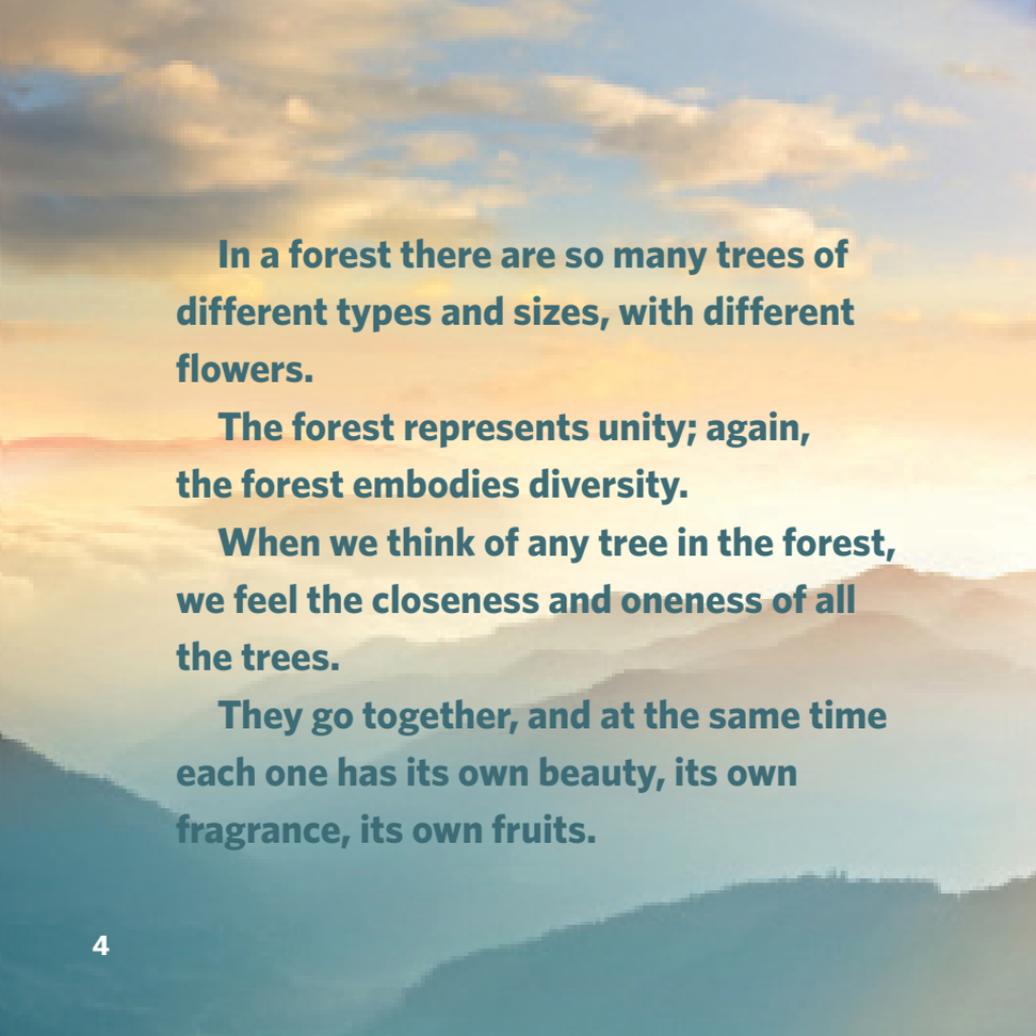
Poems by Sri Chinmoy

for the International Day of Peace
and Seven Minutes of World Peace, September 21st

**My peace-tree blooms
Only in my heart-land
And nowhere else.**



**Each time I have
A sweet, encouraging
And inspiring hope
In my heart,
I feel that I am seated
At the foot of my life's peace-tree.**

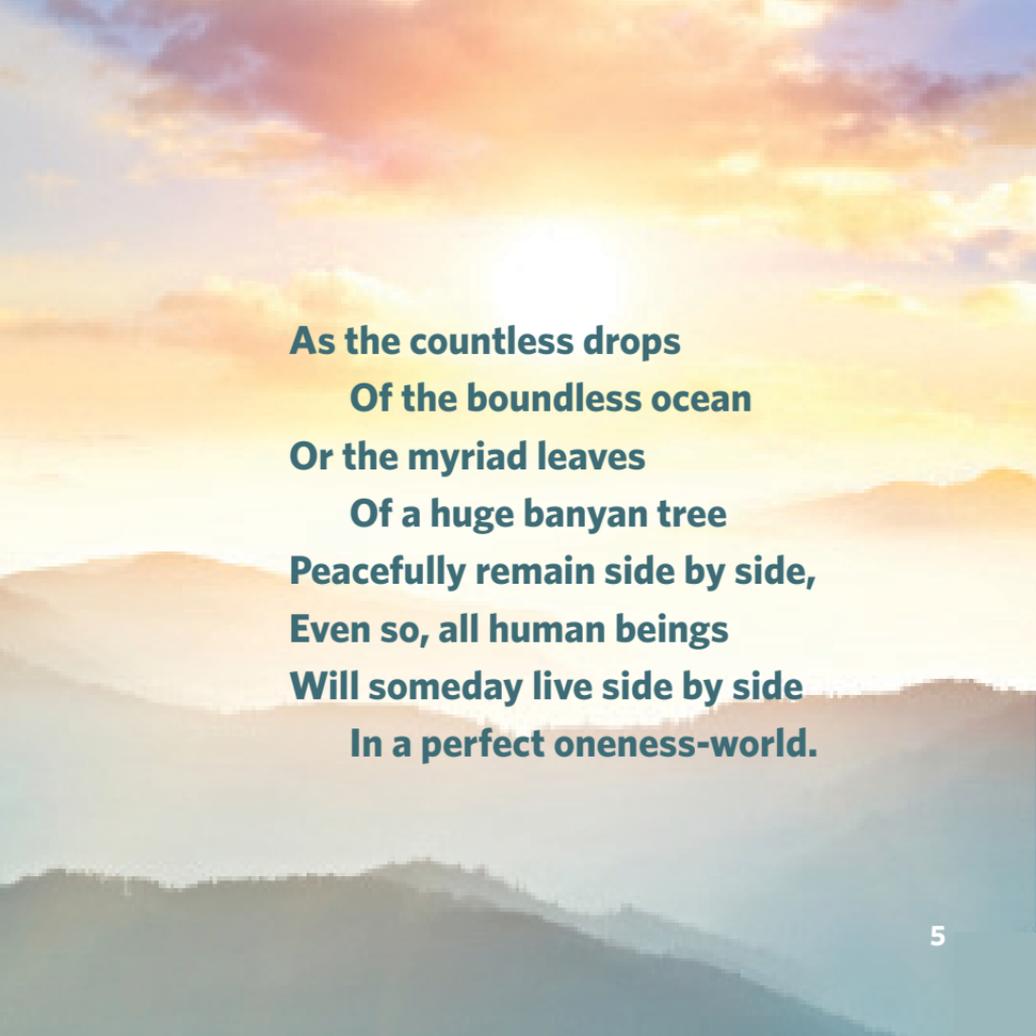


In a forest there are so many trees of different types and sizes, with different flowers.

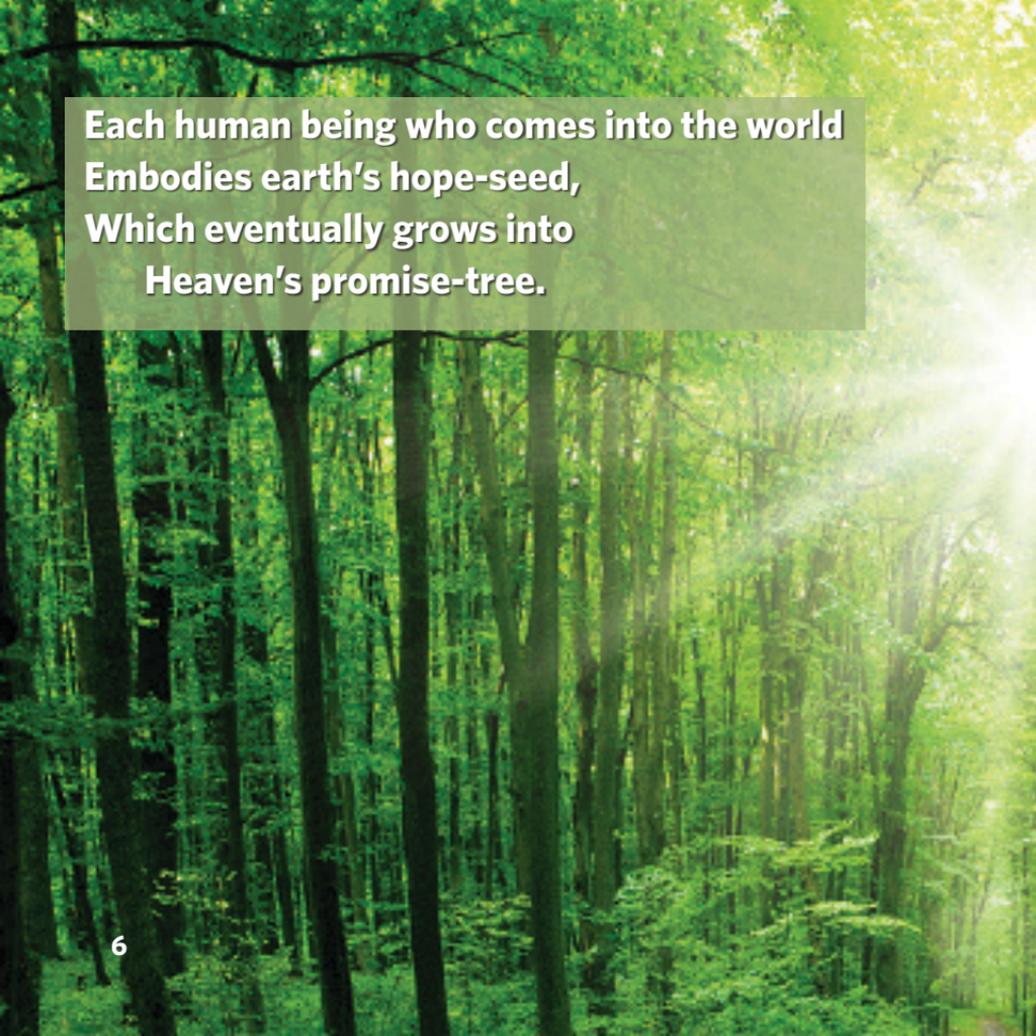
The forest represents unity; again, the forest embodies diversity.

When we think of any tree in the forest, we feel the closeness and oneness of all the trees.

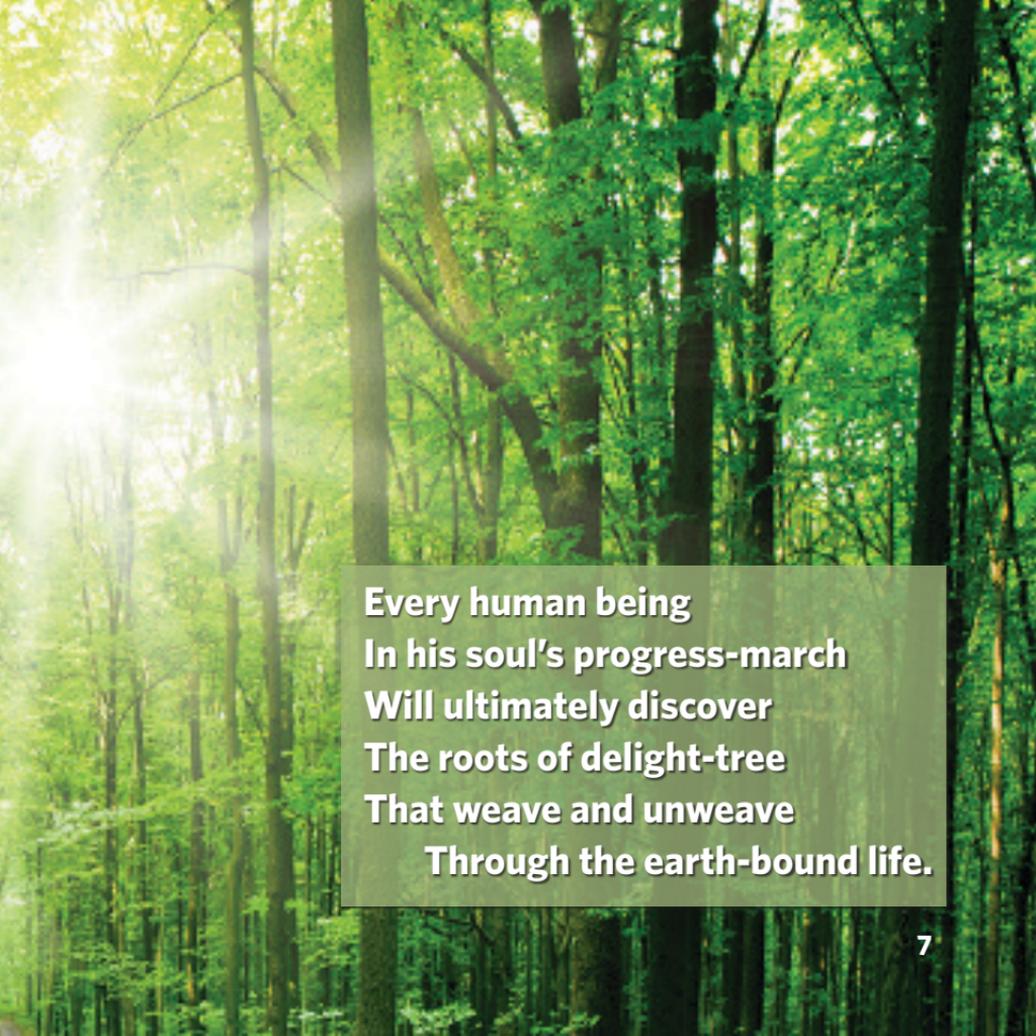
They go together, and at the same time each one has its own beauty, its own fragrance, its own fruits.



**As the countless drops
Of the boundless ocean
Or the myriad leaves
Of a huge banyan tree
Peacefully remain side by side,
Even so, all human beings
Will someday live side by side
In a perfect oneness-world.**

A vibrant, sun-drenched forest scene. Tall, slender trees with dense green foliage fill the frame. Sunlight streams through the canopy on the right side, creating a bright, ethereal glow. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

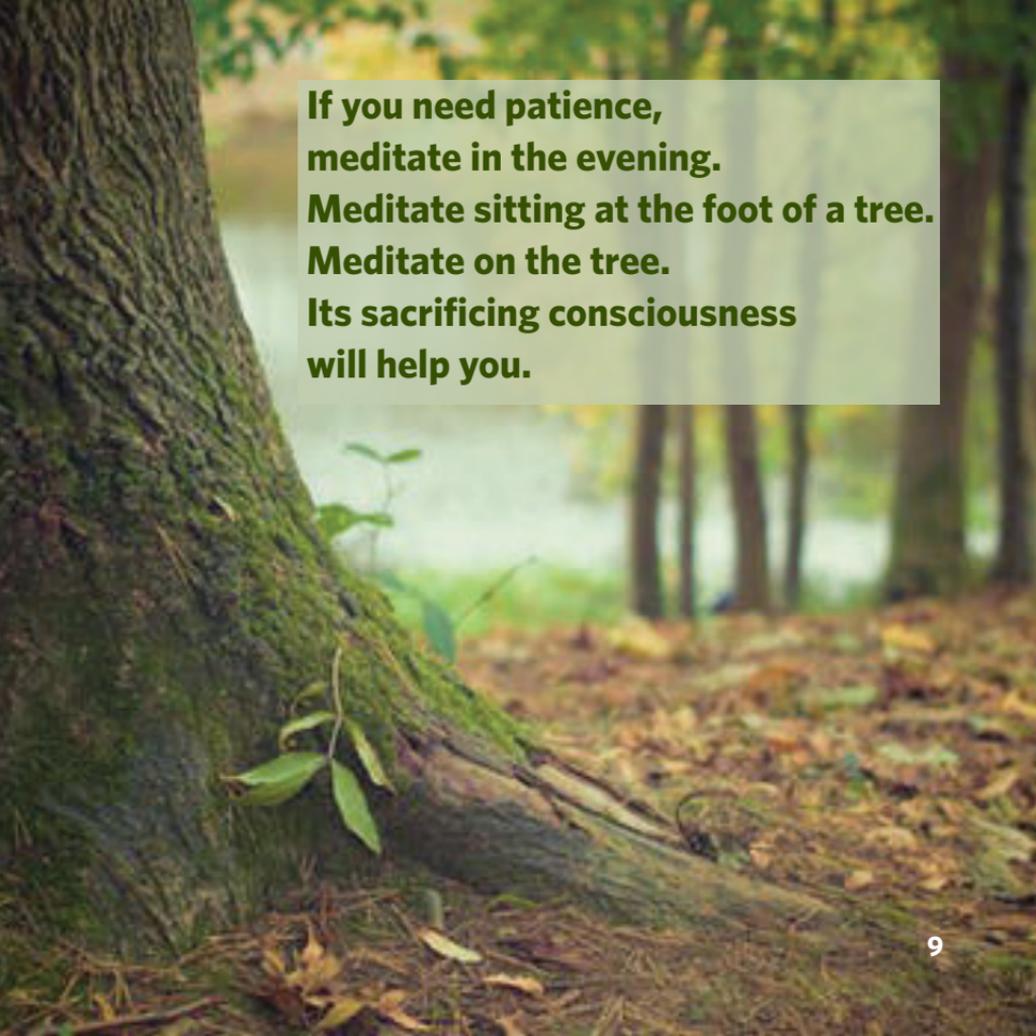
**Each human being who comes into the world
Embodies earth's hope-seed,
Which eventually grows into
Heaven's promise-tree.**

A vibrant, sun-drenched forest scene. Tall, slender trees with dense green foliage fill the frame. Sunlight streams through the canopy on the left, creating a bright, hazy glow and lens flare effects. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

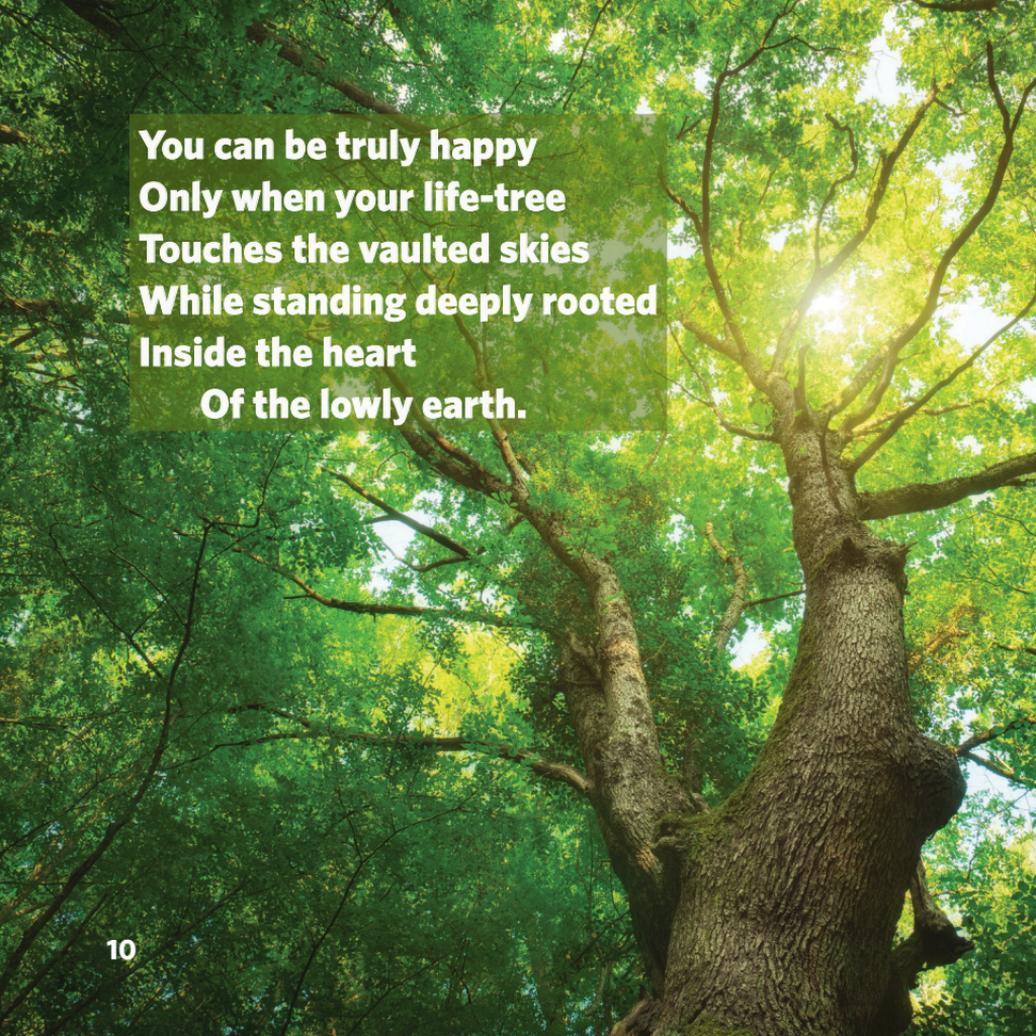
**Every human being
In his soul's progress-march
Will ultimately discover
The roots of delight-tree
That weave and unweave
Through the earth-bound life.**

**If you need peace,
meditate early in the evening,
between six and seven.**

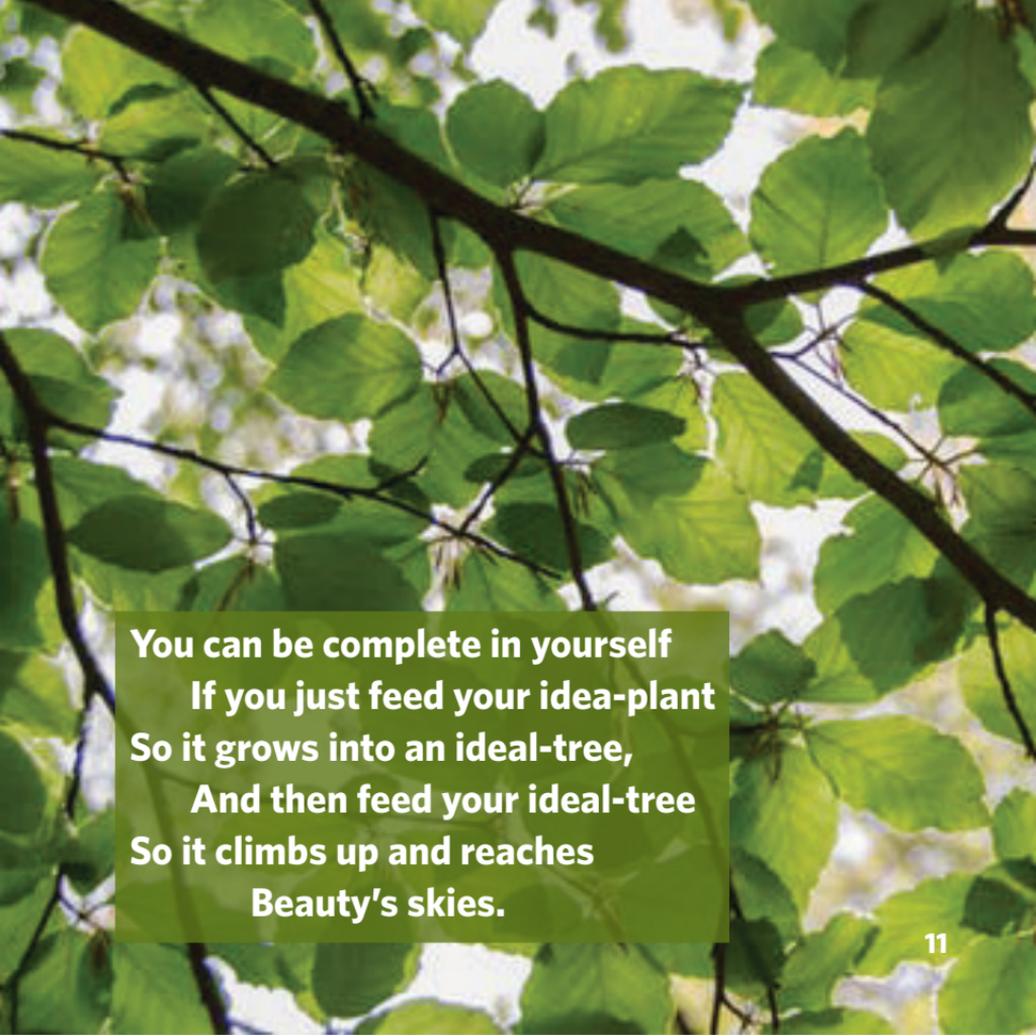
**Nature, as it offers its salutations to the setting sun,
will inspire you, comfort you and help you.**



**If you need patience,
meditate in the evening.
Meditate sitting at the foot of a tree.
Meditate on the tree.
Its sacrificing consciousness
will help you.**



**You can be truly happy
Only when your life-tree
Touches the vaulted skies
While standing deeply rooted
Inside the heart
Of the lowly earth.**



**You can be complete in yourself
If you just feed your idea-plant
So it grows into an ideal-tree,
And then feed your ideal-tree
So it climbs up and reaches
Beauty's skies.**



**Each time I pray
I see inside my heart
A peace-tree growing.
Each time I pray
I see inside my heart
A peace-flower blossoming.**

**Our prayers and meditations
Are like seeds.
One day they will grow into tiny plants
And finally
Into giant banyan peace-trees.**



Humility is not humiliation.

Just as a tree is not humiliated

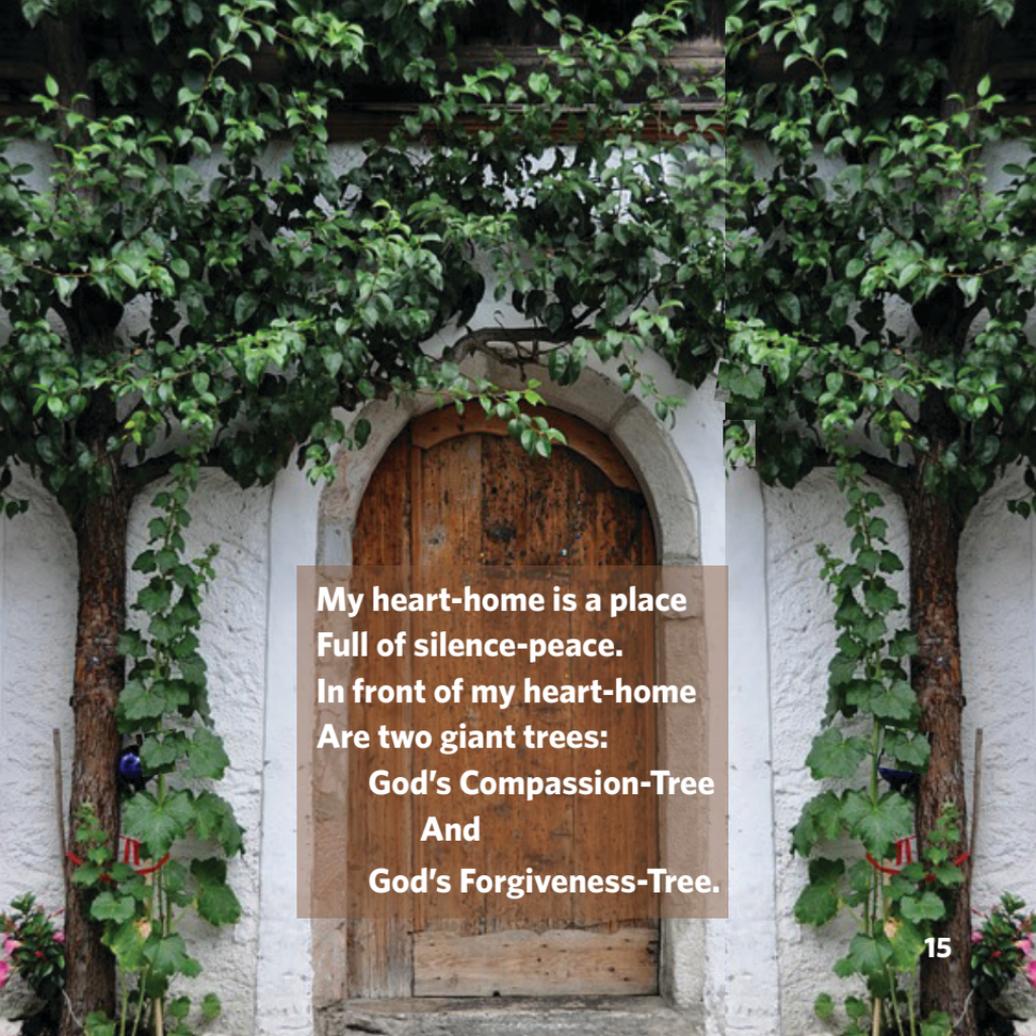
When it bows down

To offer its fruits,

Even so by showing humility

We offer the best in ourselves

To humanity.



**My heart-home is a place
Full of silence-peace.
In front of my heart-home
Are two giant trees:
God's Compassion-Tree
And
God's Forgiveness-Tree.**



Sri Chinmoy (1931-2007) devoted his life to global harmony and oneness through his poetry, music, art, sports and humanitarian service. He founded the Oneness-Home Peace Run in 1987 as a way to bring people together in a global yet grassroots event. It has traversed over 150 nations and touched the lives of millions of people. Sri Chinmoy

offered peace meditations at the United Nations for nearly four decades and met with many world leaders, including his dear friends President Gorbachev and Mother Teresa.

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