

The Hydrologic Cycle

Sea to the river
Feed me
River to the aquifer
Fill me
Aquifer to the earth
Hold me
Earth to the clouds
Seed me
Clouds to the wind
Stir me
Wind to the sea
Rinse me

Earth to the aquifer
Aquifer to the river
River to the sea
Sea to the wind
Wind to the clouds
Clouds to the earth

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Lord,

Thank you for the opportunity
Of scarcity. For all the precious few
Who, from their store of storing up, turn
Loose--to gain--the gift of aridity

Returning. We are desert people.
We have bought enough of losing bounty
To have sensed the way of gaining back
The memory of rain. We cannot make

It on our own, we need each other,
The gift of honest want, the luck of loss,
The privilege of learning failure's gift,
Blessing of the many blessings given

Freely, chance, synchronicity, care,
Design, aquifers, the hope of seasons,
Complex simplicities, cataracts,
A place of good and precious venturing,

Lord, for this we pray, and thank again, Amen. (Greg Hobbs 1/24/2003)