

## **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

Rinse me  
Stir me  
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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)