

## DO WE FEAR CHANGE?

How can the young understand  
How *much* we can change?  
When they haven't seen it –  
They think that life is just the same  
As they have known it –  
They haven't felt blown by it –  
The force of emotion blowing away  
By the depths of what we can do.

If they looked back  
Just to try to understand  
What even I have lived through  
In just one generation –  
Or in their grandparents too -  
The extent of transformation  
And the many moves  
Humanity has been through;

And then if they looked  
Further back into the history books  
Perhaps they'd respect  
The possibilities of human strength –  
Determination to insist on change  
And the courage it took  
To see it through,  
The belief in what they had to do.

If they'd seen the spirit survive in truth  
Despite desperate odds and terrible tests  
Then perhaps they wouldn't despair  
When they hear the news  
Of the worst things we have done  
And just learn to trust  
In a belief that our best  
Will win through.

If they only knew  
That all we have to do  
Is insist on change again,  
Call for our systems to be reviewed -  
Then perhaps they would see  
That things will be new again,

If we only have the courage  
To let our voices ring free.  
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