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## The Painter and the Poet

### The Painter

The Painter carefully prepares for the creation  
searching the landscape of life  
for just the right glimpse

Next comes the canvas  
Ensuring the vision will be  
Locked for all time

Time spent preparing the surface  
To receive the loving strokes  
Delivered by the gentle hand of the dreamer

Blank canvas now  
Transformed by thin hairs  
Colors washing over

Slowly, deliberately  
Moving from dreams to thoughts  
From thoughts to reality

### The Poet

Now comes the poet, Empowered by the words of life  
Transforming thoughts and dreams  
Into songs and stories

Soothing the soul  
Stringing together rhythm and sound  
Letters and words

Joining the unlikely, sometimes unlovely

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Into a quilt, covering the heart  
Wrapping the soul in warmth and comfort

Sometimes words are cruel,  
Cutting deeply  
Exposing the gashes of life

Sometimes words are fun  
Sliding down  
And rolling along memories

Sometimes words are lyrical  
Singing the songs of earth  
Grounded in the joy of nature

Sometimes words are love  
Healing the wounded heart  
Knitting together the fractured soul

### **The Painter and The Poet**

The painter and poet together  
Turning dreams into life  
Melding the sights of the eyes  
And the sounds of the ears  
Into the songs of life, of love  
Sending the energy of the earth  
To all who care to see, to listen, to love.