

## As the Willow Gently Weeps

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As the willow gently weeps, Another soul stops to beat A monarch flutters about one last time A bird high in flight falls to the ground A wasp stings for the first and last time A worm shrivels up on the asphalt An old man is removed from the ventilator

As the willow gently weeps, Another soul starts to beat A butterfly emerges from the chrysalis An egg cracks open in a nest A dauber pops out of the mud A hermaphroditic worm caresses another head A baby cries as the umbilical cord is cut

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