

**49 Poetic Meditations for Counting the Omer or Turning toward a New Year**

**DAY 26**

***Hod b'Netzach / Humility and Splendor within Endurance***

*Hod* within *netzach*,  
splendor within endurance,  
is a gorgeous garment made of tough fabric  
that lasts and lasts,  
and when it finally gives out,  
it biodegrades to renew the earth.

Consider an intricate and colorful  
piece of embroidery  
stitched on thick linen  
with impeccable precision,  
one you can tell took great focus and time  
for the artisan to realize.

Consider the first thing  
the artist might have done  
to prepare for this work:  
what materials were required,  
what kind of studio or space,  
what sorts of assistance?

Think of something you are proud of,  
something that took time and focus,  
even something small,  
and when you were done  
you could sit back and say,  
“ah, I am so very pleased at how this turned out.”

What is the very next thing you will do  
with a vision of beauty, an intention  
to nurture your life and feed your world?

Wear your intention like a garment  
to protect and adorn your vision  
as you travel through the 26th Gate.