

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

DAY 31

Tiferet b'Hod / Balance and Beauty within Humility and Splendor

There's a fountain
with rocks sculpted high
in purposefully odd angles,
forming relationships
that topple and spray water
in all directions.

If you look at one spout
from a certain angle,
the spray looks like fireworks
fanning into the sky.

At another spot
in the late afternoon light
a shadow is cast so that the water
seems to manifest from thin air.

You can hike up your pants
and wade in the shallow pool.
If your head gets too hot
you can fill a hat with water, put it on,
and let the cool water soothe you.

The splendor of human ingenuity,
a mere reflection of the natural world,
offers many opportunities
to keep our systems in balance.

How can you use your own ingenuity
to promote balance in your life,
harmony in your spirit
connection to the world that sustains you?

Invoke a holy intention, a *kavannah*,
as you wade through the 31st gate.