

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

DAY 46

***Netzach b'Malkhut* / Endurance within Divine Presence**

Life, short as it is,
is a long journey.
What gives us endurance
for the duration?

Religious observers of many faiths would say,
"God gives me the strength to go on."
But what happens when we are not so sure about God?
Or when we don't believe in God at all?
What gives us the strength to re-connect
to the spirit of life and living?

When we practice enduring love
we witness divine presence in our lives.

Netzach is
the endurance of the sun,
brilliant, lasting.

Even when night comes
or there is a storm
and the sun goes out of sight,
it is still informing life on earth.

Even if we don't understand
exactly how it works
the sun's rays are required
for us to breathe.

Breathe in the sun's enduring nature
and know it lives in you
even as you breathe it back out.

The plants and trees breathe it in
and recycle it back to you.

This is the 46th gate.