

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

**DAY 7**

***Malkhut b'Chesed / Divine Presence within Loving Kindness***

We are making our way slowly  
from the freedom of leaving the narrow place  
to the freedom that comes with wisdom  
and *teshuvah*.

The worlds are about to fold  
one into the next, not to disappear,  
but to nestle within each other,  
be made whole by their connection.

The grandiose sovereignty of ego gone astray  
can loosen the edges of its power,  
fold into the simplicity of a kind word,  
a random act of loving-kindness,  
a moment of forgiveness.

What control will you relinquish,  
what idea will you unfasten,  
what assumption will you decree annulled  
to make space in your heart  
for goodwill to enter freely  
and pour out willingly?

Make this space in you now  
here at the 7th gate.