



## School Prayer

In the name of the daybreak  
and the eyelids of morning  
and the wayfaring moon  
and the night when it departs.

I swear I will not dishonor  
my soul with hatred,  
but offer myself humbly  
as a guardian of nature,  
as a healer of misery,  
as a messenger of wonder,  
as an architect of peace.

In the name of the sun and its mirrors  
and the day that embraces it  
and the cloud veils drawn over it  
and the uttermost night  
and the male and the female  
and the plants bursting with seed  
and the crowning seasons  
of the firefly and the apple,

I will honor all life  
- wherever and in whatever form  
it may dwell - on Earth my home,  
and in the mansions of the stars.

Diane Ackerman  
from *I Praise My Destroyer*  
and *Deep Play*