

Meditation on Grief

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To live with and understand grief, humans need nature.



The experience of the natural world can reflect a grieving mind and body; cold and raging wind, relentless rain, a thunderstorm wild and unruly, along with intermittent mild and sunny skies. But it is also the open arms of a tree filled landscape that provides us with the space for stillness and contemplation necessary to integrate the loss of a loved one.





Nature gives us the room to grieve without judgement or hurry. And at the same time, it models for us how the seasons change, and life goes on.



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