

## *The Game of Living*

*The game of living can be fun  
But we must learn some rules.  
Not only rules of this'n that  
But rules about the rules.  
There're lots and lots of rules to learn  
And rules it suits us to unlearn.*

*There're rules to learn from those like us  
Also from others not like us.  
There's much to learn from those we like  
Also from those we do not like.*

*There're rules to learn from streams and trees  
From skies and clouds and birds and bees.  
Rules to learn from young and old  
And from the timid and the bold.  
Lots to learn from trying things out  
And from being still and sitting things out.*

*The game of living can be fun, if we but learn some rules.  
One has to have an open mind and must be curious too.  
And if each day that comes along we learn just one thing new.  
And if we learn to listen well – to see what we can hear.  
And if we practice looking – just to hear what we can see  
And if the rules I make for me, are not for others too  
And if we create our own rules from rules some make for you  
Then we will not be ruled by rules  
If we can rule our rules.*

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*Here are some rules to think about  
You have the tools to check them out.*

*I give my meanings to your words  
You give your meanings to my words  
And if you tell me what you mean  
I still do not know what you mean.*

*If we assign some truth to this  
Let's think about meanings we give  
And many meanings we miss giving.*

*A word is not the thing it stands for  
The word 'moon' doesn't shine at night.*

*Things are not what we say they are  
A thing is not its given name.  
There're no two things that are the same  
Not even one thing stays the same.*

*To better understand ourselves and others  
To better understand the world around us  
Similes work better for us.*

*This is like that: this, is not that. If two things seem to be the same  
Look closely at the way you look,  
Find differences... they are always there.  
If what I see isn't all there is... Then what I know might not be so.  
If what I see is not my view  
How can we know which view is true?*

*The world we live in has its rules... It does not care about our rules.  
So when we think we know for sure  
Let's pause a while... to learn some more*

*Milton Dawes/96*

