

## "Oyster Blue"

(Inspired by the song "*From a Distance*" by Bette Midler)

With self-absorbed and cluttered minds, we live at breakneck speed.  
Conglomerated kneejerk plans behind each hasty deed.  
A deal here, a bargain there, in all-consuming passion,  
Hell-bent on trying to keep abreast of fortune, fame and fashion.

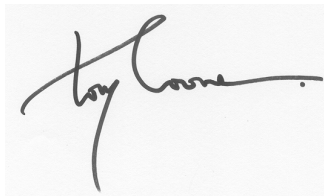
Mankind might heed behaviours of our cousins in the wild:  
No needless acts of violence flamed by angry egos riled.  
Protecting precious family, taking only what they need,  
No animal obsesses over money, power or greed.

Great rolling clouds and squalling rains envelop land and sky.  
With sweeping plains and mountain tops beyond the naked eye.  
A turquoise diamond sea cascades on glistening golden sand,  
Creation's stark reminder of a higher power at hand.

We reap from life what we have sown; such ageless truth has reason.  
Our mortal destiny is set, so harvest well each season.  
Then take the time to stop and breathe, to marvel at the view:  
A spinning orb, our planet earth, this world our oyster blue.



*Hall of Fame Inductee, 2009*



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