

Frequently the woods are pink-  
Frequently are brown-  
Frequently the hills undress  
Behind my native town-

Of a head is crested  
I was wont to see-  
And as oft a cranny  
Where it used to be-

And the Earth-they tell me,  
On its axis turned!  
Wonderful rotation-  
By but twelve performed!

Emily Dickinson (1858)

Often the woods behind where she lives look pink,  
Trees that open up in the springtime into blossoms  
Consistency, weight, humidity, smell, and you are right,  
its surface is very earthy  
Do they look like landscapes?

I think of my studio as a vegetable garden  
You have to graft, you have to water  
This strange universe crawling

Pre-historic mysterious abstract symbols can be found  
In caves and rocks near the ocean  
Painted red disks in impossible places

Decorative motifs  
Crafts, textiles, ceramic decoration  
Ornaments carved in wood  
Altarpieces  
I enjoy seeing ancient art

Strange patterns and designs never totally enter your life in the way a t-shirt  
does, or a pair of sunglasses

Visions trapped  
The contemplation  
The passing of time  
To find or discover something  
Like hidden messages in fragments of nature  
To become aware of time  
To the seasons of the year

Tao Yuanming, Wang Wei, Han Shan, the image of Lord Shiva,  
In a world that seems increasingly empty and banal

Go through the grain directions with the gouges  
Find the cracks and knots and  
Listen to the sound of the tools in contact with the wood  
That is the language  
This relationship between the two is established

They make textile out of pedalai (bread fruit tree)  
Also a wild fig that the Ibans call Ipoh in Sarawak  
The naked tree gets wrapped in banana leaf so it can heal itself  
The innerbark gets separated from the outerbark  
Washed in water and beaten into sheets

**Living process**

**Develops from insistence, attention**

**but above all, time**

**Nourished by some simple motive**

**Naturally responding to a visual stimulus and excitement**

**Encountering a material I have not seen before**

**I like to eat on the streets and feel sticky from the sun**

**I don't mind to wash my clothes only once a month**

**Have a bath in the ocean every morning**

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