

"Forward Motion"  
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The only way we can move if we wish to grow.  
If we wish to progress, we must be able to show  
that we know how to move...in a forward motion.  
For it is the act of moving forward as if toward a goal.  
So...we learn to progress; to advance as a whole.  
But in that process of learning, we continue discerning  
that certain' bridges need burning...certain paths need turning  
away from...So another can be blazed.  
Another trail can be paved and...another life can be saved  
as long as we stay moving this way...  
we will move...in a forward motion.  
For if we don't move forward then we will fall back.  
We will retract, collapse, and get knocked off track  
'til we're all out of sync, out of shape, out of whack  
out of breath...similar to an asthma attack.  
For if we lack the courage, motivation and will to push on  
then we will get pushed over, to the side, away and down.  
Next thing you know somebody is yelling "MAN DOWN."  
If we're not moving ahead, we might as well put our hand down.  
And come to understand that we must change the course of our plan...now.  
We must put in our minds the importance of defining our route.  
We must prepare to be tested to see what we are really about.  
We must put aside all fear, all skepticism, all doubt  
so we can effectively set out with a forward motion.  
We must be willing to follow, yet be ready to lead,  
and also be the one to say "yes, I planted the seed."  
Because the legacy we leave will spring from that seed into a tree  
bright with leaves, providing the oxygen we breathe  
so our lungs can receive that which it needs  
to function and feed our bodies so that we can continue to move...  
in a forward motion.  
We have to realize that by moving this way...  
there is no turning back.  
We've archived the past, yet in the present, we must act.  
To move towards a future that isn't fiction, but fact  
but can we can we truly achieve that?  
Yes.  
We must believe that we can bring our dreams to fruition;  
believe that we do not have an impossible mission.  
For if impossible is in our vision, then we've failed.  
No more chances given.  
So we must have faith that is deeper than the ocean.  
This is our opportunity...and the door is wide open.  
But in order to walk through, we must tie up our shoes  
and move...in a forward motion.