

Christmas 2014

*Heaven and Earth are only three feet apart,  
but in thin places that distance is even shorter.*

*(Celtic saying)*

**After the storm,  
After the wind  
amid broken branches  
morning comes in-  
The air is clear, clouds are gone.  
The earth waits in silence  
for the promised one.**

**A thin place opens  
Where the spirit seeps through-  
Signs are everywhere  
that the light's coming soon-**

**The eagle watching over  
The Evergreen Point  
Bridge  
Is no longer alone  
But now has a friend-  
The two dive synchronized**

into the lake  
then soar as a pair  
together in space.

Rinat cradles a ladybug  
gently in hand-  
an unseasonable miracle  
to bless this small man.

Our sweet, stubborn Grace  
planted firmly in place  
screams up at the moon  
“there’s a smile on your face.”

I see Greg laughing,  
at the Lakeside gym  
spontaneous, himself-  
wearing his grandfather’s grin.

Cate builds a spaceship  
With boxes and string  
to sail to a planet  
where she’ll be the Queen.

**Awaken. Awaken.**

**There are signs all around-**

**The light is coming**

**And joy will abound**

**Listen. Listen.**

**Hear the word.**

**Today heaven meets earth-**

**and the light returns.**