

## **EVEN IF:** **An Optimist's Creed**

**Even if a sixth of the world is starving,  
& those promoting peace are ridiculed.**

**Even if greed is often paraded as virtue,  
& market laws generally define what people do.**

**Even if individuals do not seem to matter  
just the goods or services they produce.**

**Even if machines are gradually replacing humans,  
& intimacy is widely regarded as untrue.**

**There's still something  
precious about each breath.**

**We are gifted with such vibrancy  
and heirs to an ancient radiance!**

**Discover That  
and Practice Remembrance.**

**Then hate, delusion or avarice  
will have no root in your breast.**

*Frida:* What's with this guy? At time he seems insightful, but often so stupid!

*Satoru:* Maybe just a fallible human being like you or me.

**- T Newfields**

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