

## POEMS by *Wayne Power*

Back to Gaia's garden ...

To borrow an ending line  
from Joni Mitchell's lyrics,  
I see all her prophetics  
In her words of wisdom and hope  
"... back to the garden"

She sings her lines with heart  
from a place of intuition  
her passion and destination  
And yearns for oneness

She says "life is for learning"  
We must replace war with peace.  
It is a time of man for us all,  
learning from our mistakes

In a garden of hope, we must live  
To survive  
To rise up and soar  
changing bombs to butterflies  
On wings of golden stardust  
into a brighter future

"And we've got to get ourselves  
Back to the garden"

it's not too late for climate to recover, Holding the  
environment close as a lover, our friend, our heart To  
cherish it so deeply together Walking with Gaia

Climate is changing and so can we  
Change our ways — adapt — survive  
To make our days better together  
Respecting Gaia  
living in harmony and oneness  
with our environments, our Nature  
of air and land and water

Let us Return again to "Woodstock",  
To our "Eden" -reborn, revitalized  
with our new-found knowledge  
with our second chance to live  
to a simpler relationship with Gaia  
in garden of rebirth and hope  
A-fresh with a new sense  
Of a spiritual springtime.

## **Charlie**

A mind of his own  
A couch for his home  
A treat for dessert  
A whimper when hurt

A ball to retrieve  
Sad eyes when you leave  
But yoyo jumps when you're back  
Would rather lick than attack

A truck for a ride  
Shows excitement outside  
When it's hot there's a pool  
Four feet to get cool

He's one of a kind  
A truly rare find  
His colour is yellow  
A happy-go-lucky fellow

When there's music he sings  
And any thrown ball he brings  
It's in his nature to please  
For his breed is retrieves

Charlie is more than a pet  
On that you can bet  
His unconditional love  
Is beyond and above

He's a special family member  
Every moment to remember  
A living tribute he deserves  
This small verse now preserves

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