

A Dialogue With Clouds

Six Stories in the Shape of Clouds

P H E N O M E N A

where do they come from?
what is the nature of clouds?
where do they then go?

photosynthesis
the great oxygenation
from phytoplankton

between Earth and Space
suspended in disbelief
gravity defied

dew drops turn to mist
stacked vortices ascending
droplets into ice

planet evolving
water connecting all life
oceans in the sky

good fortune or bad
climate, species and culture
nexus of crises

C H A N G E

dew point to cloud drops
hydrological cycle
generating change

pregnant with sweet rain
a cloud-burst to clear the air
cloud then passes by

liquid to vapour
vapour to crystal to rain
to rivers to seas

rising and falling
crossing the heavens in time
warming and cooling

always on the move
while becoming something else
to be somewhere else

as the wind changes
water seeks space to create
together as one

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L I F E

rising from oceans
butterflies and dominos
falling onto Earth

atmosphere – breath in
metabolism of life
biosphere – breath out

pollen and fungi
bacteria, viruses
diatoms abound

living atmosphere
wind, water and energy
filtering the Sun

deluge transforms all
dynamic patterns of change
only time will tell

storm clouds gathering
lightening strike and thunder crack
life awakening

C U L T U R E

watching clouds roll in
dreaming capable futures
cavalcade of clouds

our head in the clouds
the wind changes direction
with feet on the ground

Wordsworth wanders by
wondering what the clouds mean
precipitation

clouds casting shadows
across the planet's surface
their shade brings respite

clouds against the sky
breaking up and raining down
form and reforming

ascending order
hubris described by others
the named and un-named

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LEARNING

clouds passing over
looking down from high above
looking back to Earth

questioning systems
an inquiry into clouds
paying attention

participation
engage and then contribute
learning to explore

making time for space
dynamic, fluid systems
making space for time

doing and knowing
there's no time like the present
being, becoming

a common purpose
spiralling into control
seeking a brave space

TRANSCIENCE

to make a promise
in all probability
against the outcomes

predicting weather
turbulent pathology
futures forecasting

projecting forward
potential scenarios
sequence of collapse

at plus four degrees
clouds breakup and disappear
tipping points pass by

positive feedback
cascading consequences
footprints in the sand

maybe, maybe not
life is full of surprises
we simply don't know