

GINKGO DIALOGUE – OVER TIME

What can we learn from this fine ginkgo tree?
Where did it come from and why plant it here?
Who cares for this most resilient plant?
How may we endure the world, over time?

Being an entity composed of all
Divisible matter, containing all
A number of times with no remainder
As all solutions dissolve, over time

Rocks of ages extracted in good faith
Labour of love crafted with care and joy
Exploits developed, constructed in vain
Paradox, drawn to exist, over time

Verdant forest subdued and wildlife tamed
Arboreal splendour rendered in stone,
Heritage interprets dereliction
Culture gives way to nature, over time

As the River Aire, rises, sinks and flows
Malham Tarn to Cove, rain to moors to sea
Between Heaven and Earth we find our place
A catchment of energy, over time

Dragons resting as they fly to the sea
Seeking a crevice or niche to live with
Spirit of this place, sanctuary found
In this crook of the river, over time

Transforming atmospheres, turning carbon
To oxygen, tree draws upon the sun
The river meanders in fertile flood
As water seeks destiny, over time

As the sap rises many worldviews sing
With the winds seeds fly, germinating hope
The green man regenerates with a smile
Energy from the river, over time

Finding ourselves here, in this unique place
On this promenade of discovery
A sonic exploration with others
Connecting with each other, over time

Joyous phenomenon amongst us all
Interconnected between each of us;
Indivisible Earth, no remainder
Beyond extinction; all new, over time

As we now pass by, epochs come and go.
From this tree, we now take our leave, in hope,
Free to story many diverse futures,
Giving back more than we take, over time

Dancing in time to new destinations
This dale, this river, this abbey, this tree
Diverse rhythms for life's new beginning
Cosmos continues its course, over time