## POEM OF THE WEEK

## AN ENDLESS CONVERSATION

LIFE is an endless conversation
Understanding is the exercise
In an ocean of miscomprehension
Of scattered and shattered misunderstanding

'tis A Trial! Do your best to smile (Don't be afraid to cry) Take life as it comes It will always be a mix

Of the possible and the probable (learn to distinguish). Are we similar? Are we the same? Arguably, we could be Born of a woman, delivered the same way

For the first few years, we demand We demand to be fed, to be cleaned To be the centre of attention Do we say, "How harsh!" when we learn we aren't

Socialisation! The process of being integrated Into the collective. Is it the process of socialisation which makes the difference? Could we hypothesise The awareness of difference begins

And continues in our mind; and thus the refusal To recognise and resolve conflict. "Gesundheit" Did you sneeze? Bless you. It's meant well As a wish for good health, and "stay healthy"

On the subject of the perception of difference Is it all in our heads? Is it a function of our imagination?

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