



## *Till Foolishness is Exhausted*

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We are here now, just as before  
Returning back, again and again  
This cycle does not have to continue  
If all foolishness is abandoned

Foolishness is accepting ignorance  
Of our true nature and truth of things  
This has to be experienced directly  
Intellectual understanding will not do

We have this choice every moment  
To increase or exhaust foolishness  
To make the journey pleasant or hard  
Each other is but a traveling companion

Whatever you think, feel, say or do  
All start and end in you only  
You have to first *be* what you want  
Be good and goodness will come to thee

This goodness is not social nicety  
It is living in constant awareness  
One alone is—this we call God  
Each expression returns as experience

Whatever you do unto others  
You must experience yourself as well  
It may not seem so just right now  
What goes around surely comes around

We are each other's training aids  
We're all working out our limitations  
We each have the same task at hand  
Otherness is but a deceptive appearance

Life's classroom is always in session  
Self-taught it is—the teacher is Self  
We think: each for his own  
'Tis not true—Self is Self of all

Why settle for a little wealth and fame  
These do not help end the cycle  
Coming back—again and again  
Only to endure different conditions

Spiritual life is inner cleansing  
Abandoning limitation's cords that bind  
The mind-mirror must be rendered clean  
For the inner light to shine radiantly

Each is working at his or her own pace  
Have not opinions—live and let live  
Not a blade of grass moves without the Lord  
Life is the opportunity for eternal embrace

All limitation exists in the mind only  
We've carried loads of it far too long  
It has done nothing good for you at all  
Freedom's price is foolishness abandoned