

Thought for the day – Friday 28th October 2022

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Harvest for the World Puddles and Rainbows

I used to enjoy the rainbows on the road that were the result of oil spillages.
This meditation by Margot Arthurton muses on these topics.

Puddles and Rainbows

Splattered puddle
Spectrum swirled,
Spirit spillage,
Ruined world –
Mocking rainbow,
Mocking pearl –
Jettisoned

In feckless haste
Sullied,
Muddied,
Reckless waste
Oiled, soiled
Spoiled soil.

But what of the rainbow in the sky?
What of pearl in oyster shell?
Spectrum's light in trembling drop ... ?

What of these,
Mysterious all?
Intact, unharmed, perpetual
Untouched by feckless, reckless waste
They will remain --- inviolate....
The drop, the pearl, the rainbowed skies –
For there – entire – perfection lies.

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