

*"To be a great musician, you've got to be open to what's new,
what's happening at the moment. You have to be able to absorb
it if you're going to continue to grow and communicate."*

*Miles Davis (1926-1991)
American jazz musician, trumpeter,
bandleader and composer*



EVOLUTION OF THOUGHT

I was raised believing black and white did not mix
But, they did . . . just not in "polite" company
. . . and, not in the light of day
Societal norms changed
And, 'jungle fever' became the rage
Clinging to my childhood beliefs
I was not ready
My unreadiness to accept was challenged
Change was going to move forward with or without me
Challenge brought forth my capitulation to acceptance
Capitulation to acceptance brought forth my progression
My progression brought about my evolution of thought . . . I adjusted
Challenge and capitulation . . . I adjusted
Adjustment, acceptance and progression
Not wanting to be left behind
I accepted black and white do mix
And the mixture is not gray
The mixture was never gray
The mixture is beauty in acceptance
The mixture is the beauty of love
With love . . . there are no lines of demarcation
I have evolved!