Happiness

We cannot search for happiness It's not out there to find It's always been an inside job Between our heart and mind

This strong electric current
Is easy to recharge
When we share our gifts and talents
And live a life that's large.

By large, I mean observant Engage our inner eye To truly SEE what's needed And with our gifts, comply.

When we give, in love and service Sharing fully from our heart Our elevated happiness Can leap right off the chart.

That's not the motivation
Just the bonus or reward
Of living fully focused
And always paying forward.

Community is vital for our happiness to thrive The more we share together, The more we feel alive.

Collectively, our happy sparks
Can truly be contagious
As laughter, dance and music
Lift our spirits and engage us.

Connections start to grow and glow As friendships are ignited And Happiness goes soaring high When true love is requited.

Yet, sometimes it's elusive And we wallow in self-doubt Our priorities get jumbled And to anguish, we're devout.

There's also the reality of tragedy and loss Where hearts are broken open With no bridge to step across

Our happiness feels foolish And entirely out of place When faced with the disparity That is our human race.

Yet it still must be our mission To hold gratitude intact Communicating inner strength With every caring act.

Let's hug a tree and hold our dog, Awakening a yearning A knowing that the tide has turned with happiness returning.

Let our faces feel the rain drops From an unexpected shower And our noses breathe the perfume emanating from a flower.

Nature, our companion
Means we're never left alone
And connecting with the great outdoors
Restores a blissful tone.

See, joy on earth depends on us Our attitude and action Our thoughtful words and choices, giving happiness some traction.

So never search for happiness
It's not out there to find
It's an inner glow that guides us
And connects us, heart and mind.

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