

never break the chain

change is the only constant in this equation we call
LIFE!

LIFE we call living
and find trouble on every path
still feeling on the edges
the sweat, the patterns
behind us and before

but we follow
we swallow all we are given
from the breast

the rest
that we take
we give to
one another

and the chain remains unbroken
the words are still unspoken
and we remember
 remember the ice and the soil
 remember the emotion
 the equation
 remember the silences in
 prior concentration

enough to suffer from one heart
 one mind
 one soul

and in suffering to
 enjoy
enjoy LIFE! and in joy
 to enjoin
 the neighbor
 with the tree

remembering snow we see snow
and it's snowing on the horizon
the far edge
the feeling and the form
 of a communion

the community can never
be broken
must always remain
as changeable as it ever is
in its change

the consistent concert
of the tree and the wind
friend upon friend
the omnipresent gain of being a link in the chain

the difficulty
of dimension
hard work in keeping it
together
the mother and all others
entwined

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