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## Where The Redwing Sings

*“See a world in a grain of sand,  
And a heaven in a wild flower,  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,  
An eternity, if only, for an hour.”*

**William Blake**

I arise before dawn's early light  
And I journey to a favorite place  
Here is where the redwing sings  
He brings such a smile to my face

Since my very early childhood days  
I've been entranced by the wet & wild  
It is here, in the yet unblemished places  
That I always wish to linger for awhile

Here is life in its very simplest form  
Among bird, plant, amphibian, and fish  
Here, in the wetland, they revere water  
They know it brings life-sustaining bliss

Here, where the redwing blackbird sings  
Here, where the lovely wild flowers thrive  
Here, where the frog sings his nightly songs  
Here, where earth's waters are vibrantly alive

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As I perch here listening to this old wetland breathe  
I can envision another lone human here centuries ago  
As he too, enjoyed this place where the redwing sings  
This place also bringing serenity to his world weary soul

Far too many today in our modern, hustle and bustle, world  
Have sadly lost this connection with earth's life-giving things  
In the last 200 years, we have destroyed half of earth's wetlands  
This modern day fact, a deep sadness to my heart and soul brings

Today's modern children somehow have to reconnect with nature  
Or within the next fifty years, our planet's wetlands will be gone  
Please teach your children about the life-giving wonders of nature  
Take them to a wetland, let them listen to a redwing's ancient song



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