

**A POEM PRAYING FOR US THEN AND THEM RIGHT NOW**

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And then all of what has divided us will merge.  
And then compassion will be wedded to power.  
And then softness will come  
to a world that is often harsh and unkind.  
And then both women and men will be gentle.  
And then both men and women will be strong.  
And then no other person will be subject to another's will.  
And then all will be rich and varied.  
And then all will share equally in the earth's abundance.  
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old.  
And then all will nourish the young.  
And then all will cherish life's creatures.  
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the earth.  
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

Amen.