## **Merry Go Round**

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Inside is outside Everywhere no one can hide Sitting in a door jamb There was a quiet figure of a man Unused to embellishments Acquired from establishments But improvising efforts Beyond the wide intelligence His actions were his words

Now from one cynical herd Of autos on the freeway There came one wildly small Enthusiastic 'hooray' Like a prayer received from far away In the middle of a fiery day She turned and made her getaway She found the good deed in the sun Purple green and yellow She told him she would like to hold it Truthful little fellow Not knowing what she'd done It melted in the sun And many came to wallow in the puddle

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Lost and found on common ground To rescue on the ladder must be hung Instead they got the brushes out Began to shout and painted every rung Not knowing what they'd done They painted in the sun And many came to join in the struggle

The key to the merry go round is the merry The key to the fairy tale is the fairy The key to the merry go round is the merry The key to the fairy tale is the fairy It sat on the bridge between happy and scary Too long did the young man tarry Who had stood for good and hope for the masses Now melted, now sticky, licked up like molasses Why ask us? Why not ask us? Why not ask us?

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