

*Poem for Buddha's Enlightenment Day Ceremony  
at Borisa Temple, December 11, 2021*

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What is Buddha?  
Is it the green tree, the blue sky?  
Is it the rainbow on the horizon?  
Is it the mine deep in the mountain?  
A mouse is chasing the vulture in the ocean.  
When will they ever get married?  
  
Put it all down, then Buddha appears clearly:  
Outside white snow on the meadow,  
Inside warm hearts in the Dharma room.

*Lake Double Sky*

*Elżbieta Lipińska*

*Some sentient beings say they can see the sky  
But how can you see the sky?*

The water has swallowed up clouds.  
Fish sleep soundly on soft pillows,  
and we wade with difficulty  
across the dry sky.  
Birds learn to fly in the water,  
the order turns around, jumbles,  
a little fish cuts up worlds  
and joins them together again.

*From Stillness Mountain*

*Tonda Horek*

The mountain smokes,  
The rocks drink,  
Trees dance,  
Clouds make love.  
The party is on,  
Where are you?  
Only now can you enter  
The stillness palace without a gate.

*Great Love, Great Suffering*

*Genís Poch*

Leaving, at dusk, the hermitage,  
heather, kermes oak, maple trees, and a single  
juniper.  
Why do they hurt love, peace, and goodness?  
The Sun sets in the west; in the east, the Moon  
is floating.



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