Promises

The brilliant red sky
Greets us this morning with a bit of a sigh
The grey clouds of yesterday have passed
The despairing rains never long last

The grazing deer
Our visitors from far and near
The chirping, dancing birds
Reassure us with their melodious words

The colors of the rainbow
Begin to fill our gardens and meadows
The blooms are today’s aspirations and hopes
Vividly seen through the eyes of the kaleidoscope

The disappearing light of the afternoon
As the sun begins its descent to the rising moon
The sky soon painted with bright, twinkling stars
Today’s happy memories to fill our memoirs

Settling twilight
Brings day into night
As we settle into slumber
Dreams for tomorrow comfort us unencumbered

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