

KYOTO GARDENS:

In praise of zen gardening

There is no need for priests to speak -
simply observe gardens closely

Each leaf and blade of grass
has something to say
and each pebble is worth contemplating

Do you think truth is just in ancient scrolls?

Listen - the wisdom of trees is far older

What is the need for human speech
when breezes whisper perfectly?

Bhāraté : We should remember that human language is a very small part of what's going on.

An-Yi : Agreed. And it's too easy to get lost in words . . .

Chariya : At times, Kyoto gardens are perfect in their silence.

Daiki : Who says they are 'silent'? Just because a sound is outside of the range of human perception does not mean it is 'silent'.

- T Newfields

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