

Sinai

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When the Law was given:
silence and awe.
No bird sang,
no winds blew.

How else does one respond
to the Holy of Holies?
to the fire in the desert
announcing, I am that I am,

to the Covenant,
to the voice in the wilderness
declaring, I am the Lord. . . . ?

Where does one discover the courage
to do justice and love mercy,
to nurture the song of birds,
bring forth the fruit of one's labor

and pray that the Lord
might look upon our work too,
and say "This is good.
This is very, very good,"

blessing the walk we have walked
in the freedom we have been given,
in the songs we have chosen to sing.

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