

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNER

Gentle Storm

The rain pounds silently
And tranquil turmoil within me is born
As I ponder upon my mere existence
Alone ... just so alone
Yet, penetrating the murky darkness
Your brilliance shines through.
And you become the lighthouse
Of my shipwreck
My safe haven
My home
And I rejoice
For with you
The turmoil is gone
The rain is silenced
And with your caressing words
All is calm ...

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