

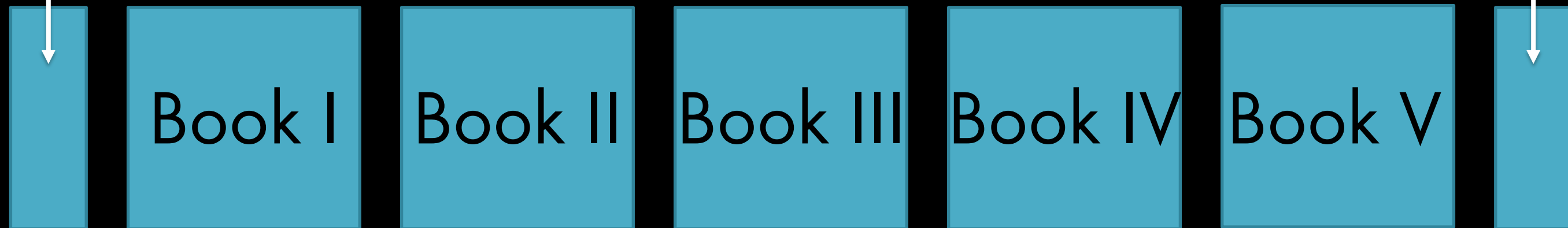


psalms
for the summer

Structure of the Book of Psalms

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"Hallelujah Psalms"



Praise the Lord

הַלֵּלוּ יְיָ = *halelû-yāh*

English = “hallelujah”

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above. ² Praise him, all his
angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. ³ Praise
him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters
above the skies. ⁵ Let them praise the name of the
LORD, for at his command they were created,

Psalms 148:1-5 (NIV)

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever — he issued a decree that will never pass away. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, ⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, ⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, ¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

Psalms 148:6-10 (NIV)

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, ¹² young men and women, old men and children. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. ¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.

Psalms 148:11-14 (NIV)

Praise Yah

Praise YHWH from the skies

Praise him, all his angels, all his hosts

Praise him, sun and moon...

Praise him, you highest heavens...

Let them praise the name of YHWH for... 2 reasons

Praise YHWH from the earth

Great sea creatures, lightning, hail, wind...

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars

Wild animals...

Kings of the earth and all peoples - young and old

Let them praise the name of YHWH for... 2 reasons

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Psalms 148:1-4 (NIV)



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Psalms 148:5-6 (NIV)

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, ⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

Psalms 148:7-8 (NIV)



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Psalms 148:7-8 (NIV)

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Psalms 148:9-10 (NIV)

















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Psalms 148:11-12 (NIV)

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Psalms 148:13-14 (NIV)

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

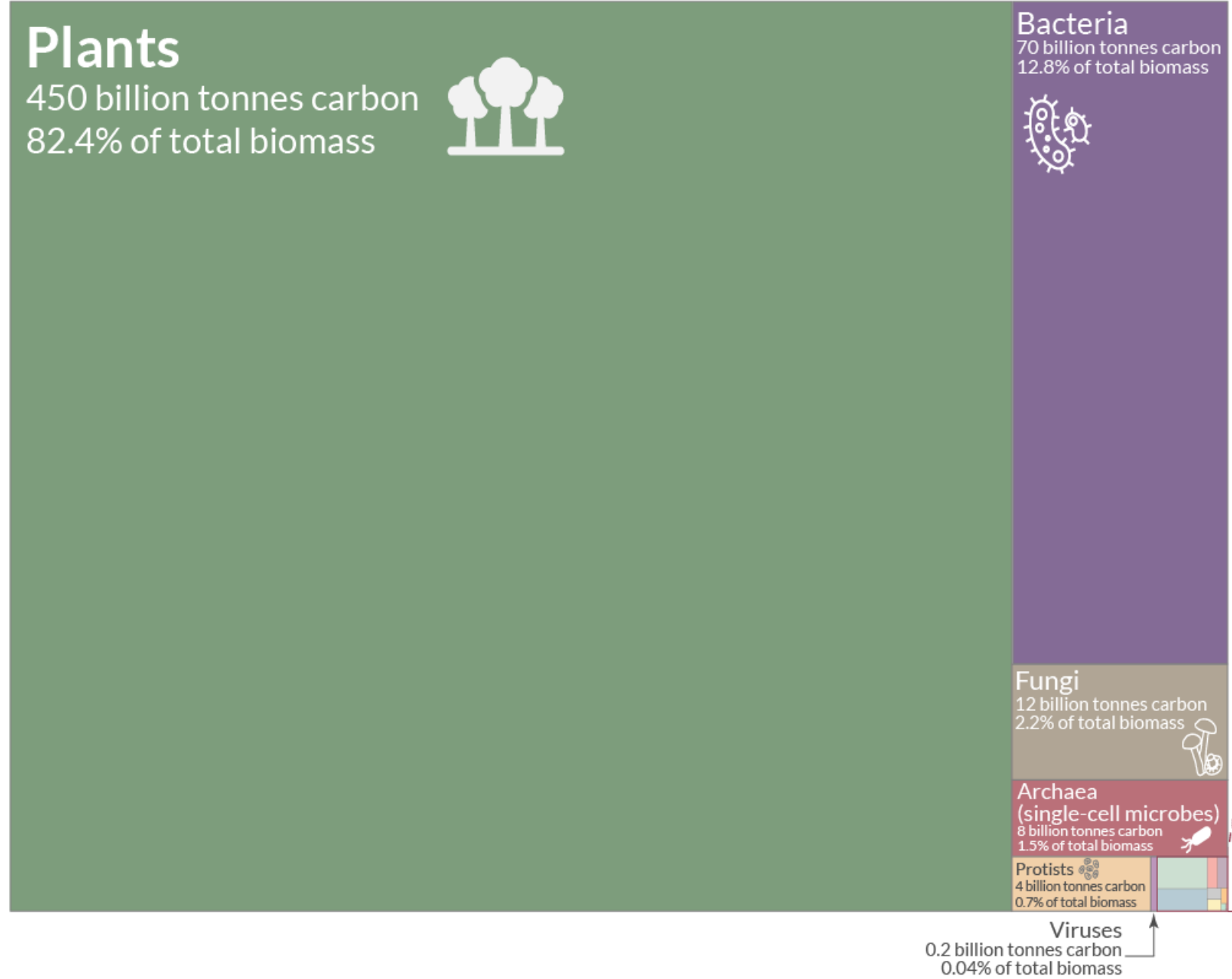
Luke 1:68-69 (NIV)

We are a small part of a massive praise choir.

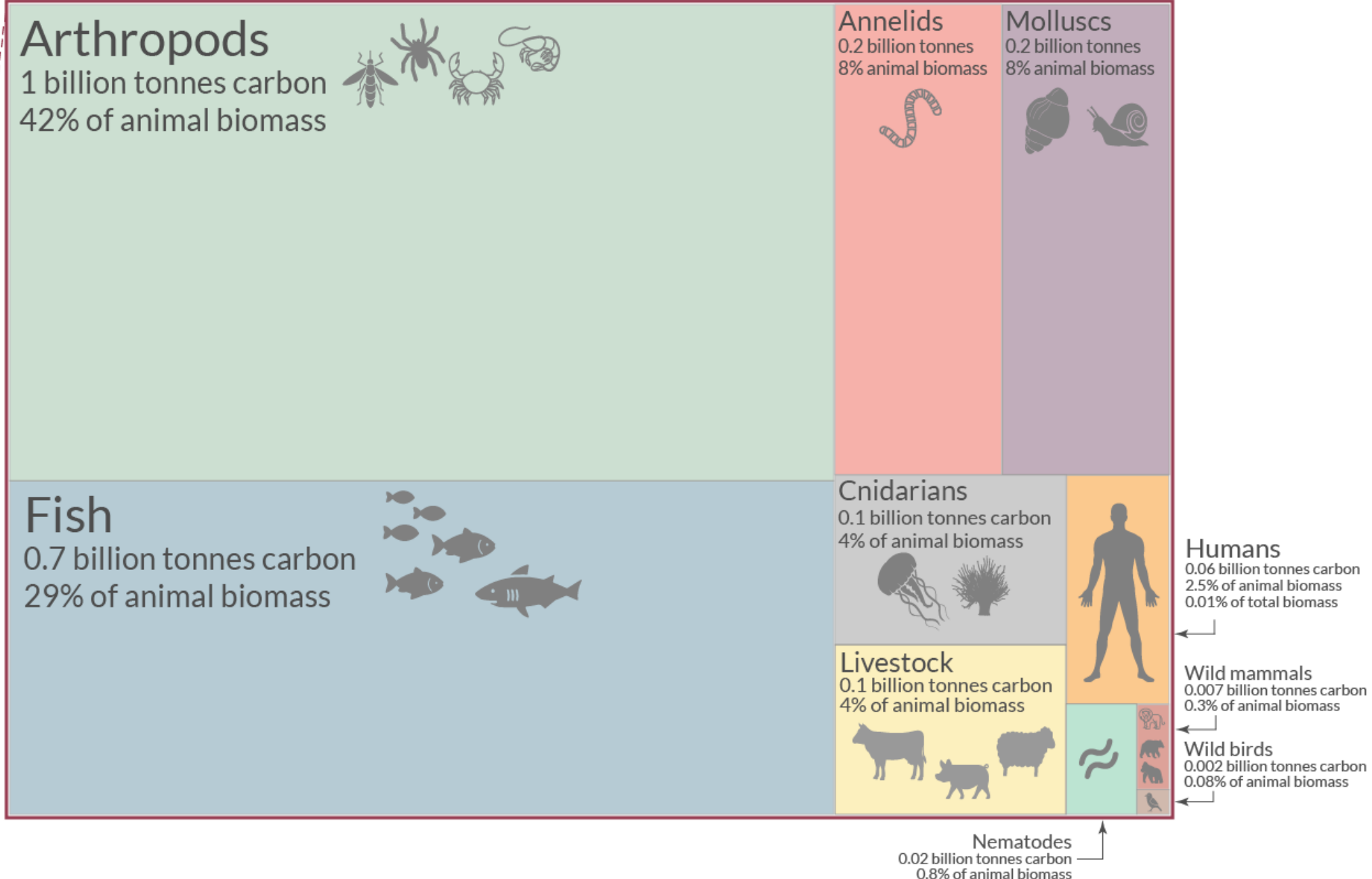
Life on Earth: the distribution of all global biomass

Biomass is measured in tonnes of carbon. The global distribution of Earth's biomass is shown by group of organism (taxa).

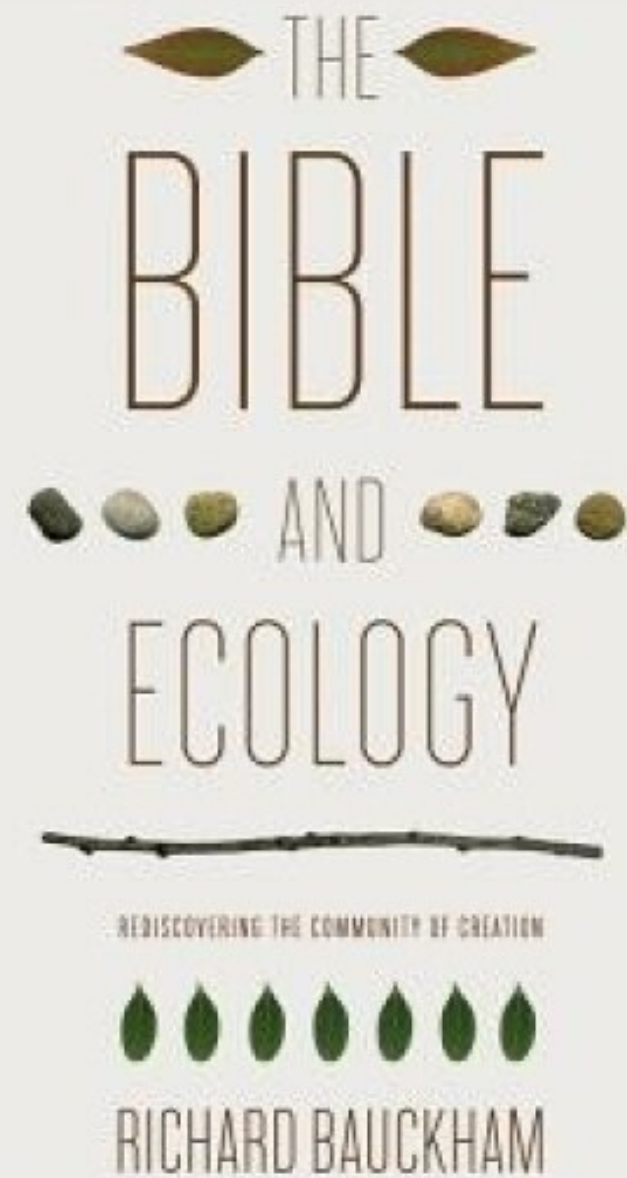
Global biomass: 546 billion tonnes of carbon



Animal biomass: 2 billion tonnes of carbon (0.4% of total biomass)



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We are connected to the other members of the choir.



Before the modern period, the praise of all the creatures seems to have been more widely appreciated in the Church.

Richard Bauckham, *The Bible and Ecology*



When we see land as
a community to which
we belong, we may
begin to use it with
love and respect.

Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*

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Get to know and love the other members of the choir.

HALLELUJAH, THE GREAT SONG

every atom of the universe
sings praise to the One Who Makes

all stars send light-songs across space and time
and rain dust down on all planets
who twist and swirl with their own notes

sing, sing! praise, praise!
all dust motes spiral through sunbeams
to join all soil, ever-singing
drawn up by apple trees blooming their melody
blossoms like jazz hands in the resonant breeze
all apples burst with abundant goodness
offer their lives in generous praise
and all seeds fall

and still all atoms sing praise! praise!
music in me, in you
even all ashes sing on the wind
and join the rain-song of all drops
drawn up from depths and returned
to resound the echoing tune
of resurrection come

Krissy Kludt