

Walk a moment with the village heart

Before we were humans
we were the earth's flowering abundance.

We were the infinity of sky
and the variegated wild waters.

We were all creatures, once.

How many of us have gone?
During the time you walk this labyrinth,
how many species will vanish?
How many languages, how many stories?
How many peoples?

We cannot know, because they are numberless.
The species, the stories, the peoples lost –
they are numberless.

So as you walk this labyrinth,
hold them in your heart.

Walk with them a moment.

Because this village,
this global village,
– all of her –
has one heart.

Because it is our heart.

Walk with this a moment.