



*The Teacher*  
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Sculpture "The Grandfather"  
by Don Haugen & Teena Stern  
Permanent Collection of  
River Gallery Sculpture Garden

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*Jim Metcalf*

Walk slowly, little one  
and let me walk beside you,  
as you see the wonders  
you will see.

And I will try to see them  
through your eyes . . .  
eyes, still fresh  
and beauty seeking;  
eyes that do not hide  
behind the dimming veil  
of ugliness.

Tell me what you see  
when birds fly by . . .  
when buds of green appear  
on April's trees.

Tell me about the ripples  
on the pond,  
and the colors  
of the flowers.

There is so much  
I need to know;  
so much I have forgotten.  
I remember only  
how to look.  
I do not remember  
how to see.  
So let me walk along with you  
and share the world you know.  
I will be the learner.  
You will be the teacher.