

Dear Michael Reed

Way Maker
Path Breaker
Vision Keeper
Thought Shaper
Helms Man
Runner
Leaper
negotiator
legislator
implementer
harm preventer
hope helper
ever evolving
ever learning
more and more and more wondrous
gleaming soul shining

ooo how I looked forward to conspiring with you
how you extended the comfort of your deep understanding
your insight, the prowess of soft power
the knowledge of its apt application

How you were trained
to outpace the pain
to out run all that constrained
to breathe through the mess
when to engage
when to abstain

Teaching the younguns how to maintain
to out-grow all that contained
Your roots reaching deep
serving allusWe
your branches sky high

See what you built, see how you fly,
see all you gave, see all you made
ever and ever creating access, healing,
a better chance, a better way

Thank you, Michael.

Love,
Lezli