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Butterfly on the Goldenrod

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Balancing lightly
on a single blossom,

Surrounded,
but not overwhelmed
by possibility;
concerned only with
what is before her.

Rejoicing in the moment.

Do I understand
the lesson of the
butterfly?

To recognize
each moment
as an opportunity
to see and experience
the Love before me.

I am called
only
to this moment
in time;

To this life,
this day,
this place.

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