

YOUR LITERACY BLANKET POEM ~ YOUR NEW JOYFULNESS

WEAVE IT! ¡TÉJELA!

You are filled with happiness

& **JOY & EMPATHY** - it is called

Literacy - Nueva Felicidad - ventanas abiertas - Open Windows

You can care for all things, the morning in blue-green dress
the birth of yellow-gold flowers arching toward you

the fresh-born calf in the barn, your spelling of the
words **LIFELONG LEARNING** - the deep
exhale
your big new life inside & outside

& there are more words - for example the word **SCIENCE**

are you ready? For example, the heat of your heart
the pulse of each family familia
the rhythm of each breath & the size of

L I F E — no one knows - here is the secret:

Literacy = New Happiness + Nueva Felicidad

You have the key, you have a new **FREEDOM & HOPE**

Esperanza y Libertad

+ **WONDER** — (here is a secret you already know) —

YOU are the **SIZE** of **LIFE!** **VIDA** Total!

It feels like **MAGIC — MAGIA**, did you say? Yes,

Did you notice all the **OPEN** windows? Ventanas

ABIERTAS

Did you know? — You opened them

each one has a new view

Xochimilco —

Janitzio —

Tegucigalpa — Santa Tecla,

Copenhagen — Taiwan - Tokyo- Manila- Luzon- Brit-

tany

Kyoto, El Salvador, Argentina

England, Tehran

IRELAND

Bavaria — Granada - MALAGA - **Scotland - Lithuania - Germany**

Beijing — Palestine, Ghana

Namibia — Israel - EGYPT - Morocco, St. Petersburg

Kilómetro 24! Madras -

Dharamsala - Tibet - Pakistan - Sydney -

Nova Scotia, Chad

southnortheastwest

& the Arctic!

And a **MIRROR!** What do you see? A star, a sun, a galaxy,

a Giant Sequoia! And there's more & more - **LITERACY**

POPOCATEPETL PERU

CHILE - THE EARTH - EL planeta!

What is this

called?

OPPORTUNITYYYYYY -

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raise your arms & hands like a capital **Y** -

Let's take a walk in between your new words - the words all of us have dreamed of
— the worlds that belong to you —

POWER FULL LIFE POWER for you & her &

him & them & They — all of us,

all of

US - 8 BILLION - weave it!

your new literacy happiness - weave it! today weave it!

(Teje tu nueva felicidad hoy!

Not tomorrow, today!)

Can you believe it?

Walking together, todos juntos **CAMINANDO**

Floreciendo, all of us, together - Flourishing - 8 BILLION -

all of us together in **COLLABORATION** - trabajando unidos!

creando un nuevo

mundo unidos! — It is called

HUMANITY — JOYFUL — JOYFUL HUMANITY - did you say

WORLD CHANGE ? !HUMANIDAD!

Your **JOY**

Your **HOPE**

Your **EMPATHY**

YOUR FREEDOM

YOUR LIFELONG LEARNING

YOUR WONDER & OPEN WINDOWS & NEW MIRRORS

YOUR PERSONal MAGIC & Collaboration MAGIC

YOUR JOYFUL TRUE YOU & YOUR NEW VISION YOU

YOUR NEW SCIENCE EVERY WORD CONNECTING

YOUR VOICE & MIND & HEART TO THE STARS,

to **JUPITER &**

the **SUN** -

your incredible kindness to family,

community, nation & world — **YOUR VOICE in BEAUTY**

made of love and bravery

your pioneer strength —

your new literacy - your new learning - your New Feli-

cidad

your new power your new joyfulness Nueva Felicidad!

weave it

téjela!

Your Literacy

Blanket

**LITERACY
AWARDS**
**LIBRARY
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