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**DARBY ERBAUGH** *[MY MIND'S BEAUTY*

*A wise prophet once said  
Your clothes conceal much of your beauty,  
Yet they hide not the unbeautiful.  
And though you may seek in garments the freedom of privacy  
You may find in them a harness and chain.  
Upon hearing these words falling into me  
I place these pearls of wisdom around my neck  
For all the world to see.*

*For now,  
In the summer of my life I want to never forget  
That the earth delights to feel my bare feet and  
The wind longs to play with my hair  
And my skin longs to feel the salty water from the sea  
And the sun wants to let me strip down and  
Be the natural me.*

*For when I am truly alive  
I am not hiding myself in the shadows  
Of capes and cloaks  
Or getting lost in a hall of mirrors  
That show life's greatest illusion  
But shining through transparent glass  
So the world can view my mind's beauty.*

*Why choke ourselves with rubies and pearls  
When the true crown that we wear comes from within?  
I cannot hide my ugliness though I wear a silver ring  
But I refuse to silence the beauty  
That truly wants to sing.*

*And if the future calls for true beauty  
And my ugliness wants to mend,  
I must remember that the breath of life is in the sunlight  
And the hand of life is in the wind.*

**JOE MAGLIARO** *[HOME*

