

# Two Members Answer the Question: “Why Have I Chosen a Green Burial?”

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**'Til She Believes**

Peter Halperin

I awoke that night in the bed where I was dying  
 Saw a flash of light pierce the veil of grey  
 All my pain was gone my breathing turned to sighing  
 I knew I'd never see another day  
 My wife stood by and I heard her crying  
 I tried to speak I had so much to say  
 But my voice was still there was no use in trying  
 I knew I'd have to find another way  
 I said "Lord heard my prayer, now that I know you are here. See how she cries,  
 show her this heavenly light. Cause I cannot leave, not till she believes".

I looked below at the scene that was unfolding  
 A stranger came and covered up my face  
 Everybody left to where they must be going  
 Except my darling who couldn't leave that place  
 I said "Lord heard my prayer, now that I know you are here. See how she cries,  
 show her this heavenly light. Cause I cannot leave, not till she believes".

Then she pulled back the sheet and said "I know you hear me now.  
 You hear me when I say I'll miss you so.  
 But now I know you're taking a great passage  
 Let me kiss you one more time before you go."  
 I will lay you neath the bend in our Katsura tree  
 And watch you be reborn in every spring  
 As your fire will warm the hearth of every autumn  
 You can go, and know, the comfort you will bring  
 She said "Lord heard my prayer, now that I know you are here. Help him discover the truth  
 in this heavenly light. And tell him he can leave now that I believe".

Thank you to David Caseau, Jenifer Parkinson, Bill Bridwell and Benjamin Dion for volunteering to be our set up, welcome, refreshment, greeter and counter volunteers. Many thanks to Sara Felder for our flowers this morning.

**Need Someone to Listen?**

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