

DOLPHIN
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A friend who had spent all his life as a high powered business had a life changing experience whilst swimming with dolphins. This poem was written for him on the occasion of his retirement from business and his entering into a new, and happy, phase of his life.

Still calm water,
no ripples.
The bright light
of sunshine
surrounding and then,
there, gentlest of streaming
and bubbles and waves and
the dolphin is coming!
Blue skin glows
in the sunlight
and sleek body moves
like an angel,
and I like the merest
of mortals am taken,
transported into a heaven
of rushing water and
turning, twisting.
across the bay
we ride like the spirit
of One and I see
through the eye
of a dolphin
the world as it could be
then, in the next instant
we slow to a gentle,
lazy floating and
all is still.
I bask in the sunlight
with still calm mind,
no ripples.