Natural Science

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When the ebbing tide retreats
Along the rocky shoreline
It leaves a trail of tidal pools
In a short lived galaxy
Each microcosmic planet
A complete societyA simple kind of mirror
To reflect upon our own
All the busy little creatures
Chasing out their destinies
Living in their pools
They soon forget about the seaWheels within wheels in a spiral array
A pattern so grand and complex
Time after time we lose sight of the way
Our causes can't see their effectsA quantum leap forward in time and in space
The universe learned to expand
The mess and the magic, triumphant and tragic
A mechanized world out of handComputerized clinic for superior cynics
Who dance to a synthetic band
In their own image, their world is fashioned
No wonder they don't understandWheels within wheels in a spiral array
A pattern so grand and complex
Time after time we lose sight of the way
Our causes can't see their effectsScience, like nature must also be tamed
With a view towards its preservation
Given the same state of integrity
It will surely serve us wellArt as expression not as market campaigns
Will still capture our imaginations
Given the same state of integrity
It will surely help us alongThe most endangered species, the honest man
Will still survive annihilation
Forming a world, state of integrity
Sensitive, open and strongWave after wave will flow with the tide
And bury the world as it does
Tide after tide will flow and recede
Leaving life to go on as it was

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