

# Poetry Porch: Poetry

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## Appreciating Gravity

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Without it, the sun would let go of the earth,  
and the earth would leave, releasing  
its hold on the air, water, and all life there.  
The sphere would tear away and come apart  
as it disappeared into space.

Thankful for the gravity, some are more  
buoyant than others. There are always those  
who insist we don't need something anymore.  
*We have to fight it with every step.*  
*It weighs us down.*

Before thinking about the consequences,  
*Anti-Gravity* takes on a following, becomes  
a new absolute. Really, the search  
is probably for something else,  
like buoyancy,

which only exists in balance with the gravity.  
Heavy at times, but we can feel so much lighter,  
once we face and make peace  
with the gravity, which after all is still  
the thing that holds us together.