

## IDENTITY

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Can you look down at your hand and just know that it's yours?  
Do you ever stare up at the clouds and your eyes start to explore?

At first they're white spores and then so much more...  
Sometimes you see faces, flowers, patterns; dinosaurs.  
You will never see the same cloud, and never another you  
To say that everything has identity is nothing but the truth.

When someone doubts decisions, mental precision or their mission  
You know there's something missing and they're finding that their vision  
is fading away before their eyes. Their identity disappears.  
Derision and collision between their dreams and all their fears.

Take a piece of clay and mould it as you wish  
Put in the furnace and engrave it so it's finished  
Take it out - polish it - and there's nothing you can adjust  
You're the rigid sculpture now; your identity robust.

I think this what we fear, because change can be precarious  
We keep to ourselves, follow the crowd and avoid encountering barriers.  
Yet, look at a child, innocent and wild, almost void of fear  
What did the world do to us, to make us so austere?

Freedom and personality is an asset of the young  
Bad press in the news, but many successes unsung  
The young become old, and the cycle repeats again  
Identities diffuse into oblivion and boys become men.

An old man may know himself, and the identity his life has chosen  
But in many ways, his thoughts, beliefs and opinions are rather frozen.  
I really hope that when we grow up, we will still be the world's children  
When does the stew of TERROR AND CORRUPTION spill its deadly cauldron?

(I) guess, each human being, even babies will have these  
(D)eveloped by life's journeys. So promise that you'll seize  
(E)very measly, degree of life's glees and beauties.

(N)ever sleaze or freeze your mind. You must open your eyes to see  
(T)hat for centuries in these, 200+ countries  
(I) bet there has never been the same person, from Aussies to Chinese.  
(T)owns, Villages, People... and then cities.  
(Y)ou should never overlook this world's IDENTITY.