



**An almost invisible seed
Grows slowly, silently;
Each step mostly unseen.
Quietly bursts through
Into the open, warming air;
Ready to renew the journey.
Imperceptibly building
Day by day, unhurriedly;
A new stage achieved.
Though small by any account
The new phase, now fulfilled;
Helps build for the next.
The strengthening trunk
Sprouts forth stems, leaves;
Open to the nurturing sun.
Standing finally tall and full
In rich maturity, completed;
Smiles down in joy on all.**



**Empty and seemingly inhospitable earth;
Challenges the new life to prove its worth;
Tufts of valiant pioneers rise into view;
Welcome the many who will follow the few.**



**Pause, take the time, to look all around;
Small miracles, in unexpected places, abound;
Little wonders, briefly present, soon move on;
A moment savored, once enjoyed, is never gone.**