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ALMOST PARADISE

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Wispy puffy fluffy clouds
Float on by
Suspended weightlessly in free space
As underneath
Joyous birds
Call out to each other
Singing
Almost timelessly
Through cool crisp fresh
Early morning air.

Majestic awesome breathless mountains
Almost forever in time
Give one a sense
Of rock solid earth
Casting their shadows
Over the veiled valley.

Preciously cautiously delicately
A doe and two fauns
Amble out
Into the beginning of light
Moving toward
The bubbling mist-shrouded stream
Which rolls on and on
Almost endlessly
Carefree carving its niche
Into the valley floor
Water at its purest.

Orange-red sparkling brilliance
A ball of fiery heat
In the not-so-far distance
Peaks its almost infinite face out
From behind the crown
Of a mountain ridge
The birth
Of a new and glorious day
Over Almost-Paradise,

Poor confined man
Searching for
Total Paradise.