

# Return to Luz

## *(Purification of Man)*

Up the ladder salmon go  
Battling against the flow  
Ancient wisdom used to know  
how angels trod here high and low

Come to Bethel  
Rape Gilgal  
Seize the prize  
and hit the mall

Coyote my quest prepare  
Volunteers' paws in the air  
Howl Great Spirit's deep despair  
Wake the grizzly roust the bear

Come to Bethel  
and transgress  
Give your tithe  
go spend the rest

Earth forgives and breathes our life  
Gaia greens despite the strife  
Faithful farmer Adam's wife  
Silent under awl and knife

Come to Bethel  
Multiply  
Fill the earth  
then cheat and lie

Rains shall stop and cities die  
People wander strangers sigh  
Publish freedom don't ask why  
Promise bread corn wheat and rye

Come to Bethel  
Gilgal see  
Pilgrim to insanity



**"Purification of Man,"**

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*"Come to Bethel-- and transgress; to Gilgal-- and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days; bring a thank offering of leavened bread, and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel! says the Lord GOD. I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return to me, says the LORD. And I also withheld the rain from you when there were still three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would be rained upon, and the field on which it did not rain withered; so two or three towns wandered to one town to drink water, and were not satisfied; yet you did not return to me, says the LORD."*

Amos 4:4-8 NRSV

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